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Mass Voters for Clean Elections to Hold Educational Forum at UMass Amherst with Co-sponsor University Democrats

Mass Voters for Clean Elections announces an educational forum at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, with special guest Ellen Story, State Representative from Amherst. This event is co-sponsored by the University Democrats. Students and the UMass community are invited to attend this free event on Thursday, December 4 at 5:30 pm, in Campus Center room 165. Refreshments will be served.

The forum will begin with an introduction to Clean Elections, including facts on the overwhelming influence of money in politics, how it affects our lives and undermines our democracy, how Clean Elections can help, and how students can get involved. Representative Story will then discuss the importance of Clean Elections based on her personal experience as a legislator, and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

State Representative Ellen Story has represented the Third Hampshire District, consisting of the towns of Amherst and Granby, in the Massachusetts Legislature since 1992. Representative Story has been a strong advocate for both Clean Elections and the University of Massachusetts.

Lauren Mattison will lead this forum. A graduate student in Mechanical Engineering in the UMass Amherst Center for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, Lauren is an active member of Mass Voters for Clean Elections and the University Democrats.

With recent national news about political financing and its links to inside deals and corruption, and with winning candidates for the Massachusetts legislature spending about four times as much as losing candidates, the influence of money in politics is strong and clear. Clean Elections would reduce special interest money in campaigns, bring more accountability to government, and level the playing field, giving a fairer chance to all who want to run for public office. Mass Voters for Clean Elections is a non-partisan, non-profit, grassroots organization working for clean and fair elections across Massachusetts. For more information, please see www.massvoters.org.

The University Democrats is a Registered Student Organization at UMass, which works to raise awareness of Democratic issues and views on campus, to support the election of Democratic candidates, and to encourage political involvement of students. More information is available at www.umass.edu/rso/udems/.

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