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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Gobi, House Pass Strict Campaign Finance Legislation to Improve Transparency of Super PACs**

*Establishes Massachusetts as a national leader in campaign finance and election reform*

(BOSTON) – Representative Gobi joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing legislation that drastically strengthens campaign finance regulations and requires super PACs to disclose their funding sources.

To ensure the public has timely and relevant information before voting, the bill updates reporting timeframes and mandates that entities disclose expenditures in state, county and local elections within seven days. Additionally, PACs that run television advertisements would have to list the top five contributors on the commercial. If passed, Massachusetts will be one of two states with this type of provision.

“This bill is another example of the reforms that are instituted to continue to provide greater transparency,” said Rep. Gobi

Specifically, the bill requires entities that make independent expenditures (IE) to process four separate reports over a period of time to ensure there are no significant post-election disclosures. If an IE is made within ten days of an election, the report must be electronically filed within 24 hours.

The bill also boosts individual limits on annual campaign contributions from \$500 to \$1,000, the first increase since 1994.

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