

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Office of The Attorney General  
**ATTN: Maura Healey – AG**  
**ATTN: Juliana Rice**  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Date: March 16, 2018

Re: Initiative Petition No. 17-09: A Law to End All Tolling in Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Rice:

In August of 2017, I filed an Initiative Petition for a Law 17-09, **A Law to End All Tolling in Massachusetts**. I initially accepted in good faith your rejection of my petition. But others who read your letter have alerted me to problems.

**Specific language in your letter is both vague and problematic:**

it is *possible* that the petition

SJC *could* conclude

the petition *might not* effectuate

Also unclear is whether your letter represents your sole legal opinion, or if it was drafted in consultation with Ms. Healey. Your signature block fails to indicate if you are an attorney.

I now believe that my petition was unjustly denied by your preemptory response, and I am petitioning you for a redress of grievance. I have been advised by counsel that I do have legal standing to sue the office of the attorney, based upon the injustice served to me and the citizens of Massachusetts by your inappropriate dismissal of my petition. Since my main interest is taxpayer relief, I will settle instead for my ballot question being submitted forthwith as a **certified 2018 ballot question** so Massachusetts voters can finally be heard on the matter of tolling in this state. You should note that we were promised that tolls were to be temporary, and that we already pay gasoline taxes for highway upkeep.

Please contact me at your earliest possible convenience as to how we should proceed with this issue.

Sincerely,



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