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## DSA October Forum

# Rescuing Democracy from the Billionaires: *Financing Elections Like They Really Matter*

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Encuentro 5,  
9A Hamilton Pl., Boston  
**WHO:** Taylor Gaar  
*We the People,*  
*Massachusetts*

In 2010 the Supreme Court, by a 5 to 4 vote, handed down its *Citizens United* decision drastically weakening campaign finance laws. Since then corporations and wealthy donors have bought themselves even more political influence by pouring cash into “Super PACs”, political action committees supposedly independent of the candidates they support—much of it in undisclosed “dark money.”

In response there are competing proposals to fix this system of legalized bribery; one of them, from recently

declared presidential candidate Lawrence Lessig, urges publically financed elections. Our speaker Taylor Gaar, from *We the People* Massachusetts, has another: A U.S. constitutional amendment ensuring free speech guarantees apply to people, not corporations.

Taylor has been working for this constitutional amendment since 2012. He has also been active with the Occupy movement and other campaigns for environmental and economic justice. After years spent in New Zealand, the Blue Ridge Mountains and Harvard, he now teaches fifth and sixth grade science in East Boston, relaxing with occasional performances of slam poetry and fire tricks.



*Before the 7:30 pm forum the Boston DSA exec board will meet at 6:30 pm; all members are welcome. We'll be discussing the DSA strategy document, our upcoming Pittsburgh convention, the Sanders campaign, future forums—and whatever else you'd like to talk about, time permitting.*

## Alliance Endorsed Candidates

Mass Alliance ([www.massalliance.org](http://www.massalliance.org)) is comprised of 27 groups including Boston DSA who support progressive candidates for state legislative and municipal elections.

For this November:

*Mayor of Medford:*  
**Stephanie Muccini Burke**  
([burke.2016mayor.com](http://burke.2016mayor.com))

*Lynn City Council-At-Large:*  
**Brian LaPierre** ([LaPierre4Lynn.com](http://LaPierre4Lynn.com))

*Boston City Council District 5:*

**Jean Claude Sanon**  
([JeanClaudeSanon4Boston.com](http://JeanClaudeSanon4Boston.com))

*Lawrence City Council-At-Large:*  
**Jim Blatchford** ([votejimblatchford.com](http://votejimblatchford.com))

*Lawrence School Committee:*  
**Amy Bernard** ([AmyBernard2015.com](http://AmyBernard2015.com))

*Worcester City Council-At-Large:*  
**Khrystian King**

*Worcester City Council-At-Large:*  
**Linda Parham** ([LindaParham.com](http://LindaParham.com))

*Greenfield City Council-At-Large:*

**Karen Rudy Renaud**  
([RenaudforGreenfield.net](http://RenaudforGreenfield.net))

*Springfield City Council Ward 5:*  
**Marcus Williams**

*Springfield City Council Ward 6:*  
**Kim Rivera**

*Holyoke Council Ward 2:*  
**Nelson Roman** ([votenelsonroman.com](http://votenelsonroman.com))



## SHORT TAKES

By Mike Pattberg

### In Case You Missed It...

On September 25 DSA co-sponsored a forum on social ownership featuring Marjorie Kelly, author of *The Divine Right of Capital*; Nancy Goldner, co-chair of Hub Public Bank, and Julie Matthaei from the Boston Area Solidarity Economy Network. Discussion focused on practical responses to the economic and environmental devastation of today's global capitalism, including employee-owned local businesses and co-operatives such as those Cleveland enterprises Gar Alperovitz writes about—these worker-owners are unlikely to off-shore or privatize their own jobs!

According to Kelly, today's dominant neo-liberal ideology is cover for an essentially extractive economy based on looting capital from local communities. Like, she explained, the VA-based Dominion Corporation, which operated two MA coal-fired power plants in Brayton Point and Salem Harbor before running up large EPA fines as a public health menace. Rather than cleaning up their mess, Dominion chose to unload these plants, investing instead in buying back their own stock which predictably increased the value of the remaining shares.

### Syria

President Obama's hard fought Congressional victory last month for the Iran nuclear agreement was assisted locally by a grassroots mobilization led by Massachusetts Peace Action (MAPA—see pg. 3). Now many, including Boston DSA, who supported that effort are faced with another but related crisis—Syria. On this issue there are conflicting views and much confusion.

Understandably. Anyone trying to keep track of who's bombing who and why has to wonder about the official explanations. Last fall Obama bombed genocidal ISIS militias intent on

exterminating the Yazidi religious minority and Kurdish civilians; this was opposed by MAPA and (alas) national DSA, even though the Kurds requested it and it clearly worked. Some Kurds and Yazidis are alive today as a result.

The U.S. then persuaded Turkey to finally join the anti-ISIS fight; the Turks are now occasionally bombing ISIS, but mainly as cover for really bombing...our friends the Kurds! Obama has also squandered some of the goodwill and diplomatic possibilities gained from his Iran agreement by backing Saudi Arabia's ongoing aerial dismemberment of Yemen, without really explaining why—apparently this is a make-up call to appease the Saudis still sulking over U.S. diplomacy with Iran.

And now Putin has decided he too wants in on this international bombing campaign against “terrorism” by accepting Syrian dictator Assad's plea for assistance, although numerous press accounts say the Russians and Syrians aren't bombing ISIS strongholds nearly as much as groups aligned with the anti-Assad, anti-ISIS Free Syrian Army, among the least sectarian and most inclusive of the armed opposition.

To address some of these issues and their links to struggles here at home, Peace Action is sponsoring an all-day conference, *Building Sustainable Security*, **Saturday, Nov. 21** at the **Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall**. Speakers include former Boston DSA Chair Harris Gruman; Barbara Madeloni, President, Mass Teachers Association; and Susan Redlich from 350/MA. For more information or to register, visit [www.masspeaceaction.org/sustainable-security-conf](http://www.masspeaceaction.org/sustainable-security-conf).

### Yet More Fundraisers...

The **Massachusetts Bail Fund** pays bail so low-income defendants can stay free while working to resolve their cases, allowing them to “remain productive while staying with their families and

communities.” Ultimately MBF hopes to replace our system of cash bail. Their annual fundraiser is **Sunday, November 8**, 1pm to 3pm at Cambridge Co-Housing, 175 Richdale Ave ([www.massbailfund.org](http://www.massbailfund.org)). Then on **Tuesday, November 10**, 5-8 pm the **Massachusetts Campaign for Single Payer Health Care (MassCare)** will hold their annual get-together, featuring former MA gubernatorial candidate Don Berwick: At Bell in Hand, 45 Union St., Boston, 617-602-7868 ([www.MassCare.org](http://www.MassCare.org)). Finally, the **Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH)** is having their own fundraiser on **Wednesday, December 2, 6-8:30 pm** at 1199SEIU, 150 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester. For details call 617-825-7233, x14.

### Honeymoon in Moscow?

During the recent CNN Democratic presidential debate Anderson Cooper prefaced one of his questions by observing that Senator Sanders had “honeymooned in the Soviet Union”. In context this seemed to imply he was a Soviet apologist, a point made more explicitly in an August 7 column by George Will. Rebuking Sanders for his “moral obtuseness”, Will noted that “In 1988 Gulags still functioned”, and that “The honeymooner did not mind that political prisoners were...being tortured in psychiatric ‘hospitals’”. So is our Bernie a secret Stalinist?

Well, no. An October 14 post on the *In These Times* website by DSA member Timothy Lange provides some of the missing context. It seems that although Sanders had indeed been recently married, he and wife Jane were actually leading an official 10 person delegation to Yaroslavl, USSR as part of his duties as Mayor of Burlington. Yaroslavl and Burlington were linked in the Sister

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# The Iran Nuclear Deal: A Win for Diplomacy

By Cole Harrison

Last month we won a tremendous victory! The Iran nuclear deal backed by President Obama is moving forward after an intensive Congressional review. Iran's nuclear program will be carefully circumscribed, and some sanctions will be lifted. Republican obstructionists, joined by a few Democrats, were unable to stop it, although they tried their best.

Peace Action, DSA, and allies worked hard to pressure Congress to support the agreement. We held rallies and lobby meetings, called and e-mailed Congress, distributed flyers (including at Fenway Park!), held forums and expert panels, and organized a supportive letter signed by 135 community leaders and experts.

In the end, all eleven Massachusetts members of Congress voted for the deal—though two of them did not make up their minds until the last day.

But while this agreement could yield diplomatic solutions for the Middle East's many crises—from Syria to

Yemen to the occupied Palestinian territories to the open secret of Israel's nuclear arsenal—the "Israel lobby" and the military-industrial complex are working overtime to make sure that doesn't happen.

Although unprecedented tens of millions were spent trying to stop the deal, Congressional hawks are already devising new Iran sanctions, and several Republican candidates vow to cancel the agreement if they become President. The Obama administration has signaled that it plans to bow to these pressures with billions more in military aid to Israel, and increased arms sales to Saudi Arabia and other reactionary Gulf monarchies.

While too many Democrats, including some from Massachusetts, still hedge their support for the Iran deal with bogus invocations of Iran as a U.S. national security threat, the biggest source of instability in the Middle East, as explained by *New York Times* columnist

Thomas Friedman on September 2, is our loyal "ally" Saudi Arabia. Yet the Administration plans to shower that absolute monarchy with new weapons, even as it continues its bombing campaign in Yemen, which is causing a humanitarian disaster.

Here at home another budget confrontation looms on December 11. Republicans are again threatening to shut down the Federal government, this time over Planned Parenthood funding and "insufficient" military spending.

Peace Action will be ready. We have convened dozens of progressive groups to advocate for the "People's Budget" of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and to stand against austerity and Pentagon waste.

*Cole Harrison is Executive Director of Massachusetts Peace Action.*

# New Attacks on Women's Health Care

By Megan Amundsen

All across the country, reproductive rights are facing more severe attacks than ever—from efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, to aggressive restrictions on abortion access. Even here in Massachusetts, a state that has been a national leader in health care reform, anti-choice extremists are launching deceptive new tactics to shutter women's health care clinics.

After heavily edited videos attempting to discredit Planned Parenthood were released this summer, anti-choice legislators in Massachusetts were among the first in the nation to demand an investigation from the Attorney General, even before their colleagues in deeply anti-choice states like South Carolina and Tennessee went on the attack. And earlier this year they began a big push to



pass a new bill aimed at closing down abortion providers in Massachusetts—providers other than Planned Parenthood—by creating new, burdensome, medically unnecessary licensing requirements intended to make it too costly for them to continue.

Massachusetts women also face threats to their reproductive autonomy in the form of "crisis pregnancy centers", which

spread false medical information and use coercive tactics to prevent women from seeking abortions—and they now outnumber actual abortion providers by 3:1. These organizations routinely tell women that abortion causes breast cancer, or that condoms aren't effective protection against STIs. In response, NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts is working to pass *An Act Promoting Access to Accurate Medical Information*, which would help to ensure women have access to medically accurate, unbiased, non-directive information regarding the full range of their reproductive health care options.

Even when Massachusetts women are able to access reproductive health care, they have no guarantee it will remain

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# It's Not Too Late to Sink the TPP!

By Arthur Stamoulis

October 5, 2015

Despite efforts of on-the-ground activists (including DSA member Daniel Hanely, who was arrested in the negotiating venue) and countless others throughout the world, trade ministers meeting in Atlanta have just struck a behind-closed doors deal on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). So it's now up to us to convince Congress to vote it down.

For years millions Americans have been telling the Obama administration what sorts of provisions the TPP would need to ensure it benefits working families, not just corporate profits. Over all that time, the U.S. Trade Representative has granted hundreds of well-connected corporate lobbyists access to TPP texts, but has refused to tell American citizens what they've been proposing in our name.

As a result, we've had corporations guiding secret negotiations with human rights violators like Malaysia where millions are victims of human trafficking, and Vietnam, where you can go to jail for requesting better working conditions—while the American people

have been shut out of the process.

Par for the course, the exact terms of the TPP deal agreed to in Atlanta are still being kept secret. But before it votes Congress will eventually see the official text, as will the rest of us. These are some questions it should ask itself:

- Does the TPP contain labor and environmental standards strong enough to protect human rights abroad and good jobs at home? Or will it ship jobs overseas and slash American wages?
- Does the TPP establish a floor, rather than a ceiling, when it comes to food and product safety? Or will it expand imports from countries where food often contains banned toxic chemicals?
- Does the TPP make medicine more affordable? Or will it increase the price of prescription drugs for seniors, veterans, and others by enabling big pharmaceutical companies to prevent the sale of generic drugs?
- Does the TPP increase oversight of banks, insurance companies, and hedge funds? Or will it prevent

governments from enacting commonsense financial reforms to prevent future financial crises?

- Does the TPP contribute towards a sustainable global economy? Or will it accelerate global climate change?

Based on how the TPP was negotiated, as well as the smattering of leaked texts published by our coalition and others, I suspect we already know the answers. Since the completed TPP agreement is unlikely to be fair to anyone but CEOs and Wall Street executives, it's time to say "NO DEAL" loudly, and convince our Congress members to do the same.

Earlier this year TPP "Fast Track" legislation passed by just a single vote in the Senate and a handful in the House. If we can use election-year political accountability to turn even a small number of votes in 2016, the TPP may still be defeated.

*Arthur Stamoulis is Executive Director of the Citizens Trade Campaign.*

*(contd from pg 3 Women's Health Care)* confidential from a parent, spouse, or other family member. Health insurers routinely send out explanations of benefits, detailing the type and cost of medical services received to the primary subscriber each time an enrollee on the plan accesses care. Sensitive health information like STI testing, contraceptives, or mental health care is frequently disclosed by this document, violating a basic right to privacy. This may lead to individuals forgoing care, especially if they fear being stigmatized or harmed as a result, and these concerns have an outsized impact on women, members of the LGBTQ community, people living with HIV/AIDS, domestic violence survivors, and people with substance abuse or mental health issues.

In response, NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts is promoting legislation to ensure a patient's confidentiality, that she may communicate openly with health care providers and not delay needed medical care.

NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts needs your support to make reproductive rights a reality for all. To get involved, please contact Samantha Riemer ([samantha@prochoicemass.org](mailto:samantha@prochoicemass.org)), or visit [www.prochoicemass.org](http://www.prochoicemass.org) to learn more.

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# Labor for Bernie: A New Approach to Union Politics

By Rand Wilson

*Labor for Bernie* was initiated in June 2015 by trade unionists who have worked closely with Senator Sanders for many years. The network now includes thousands of elected officers, shop stewards, organizers, and rank-and-file members from 50 states and all of the national labor organizations.

These labor activists signed an [on-line statement](#) embracing Sanders as the only declared candidate, in either major party, “who challenges the billionaires who are trying to steal our pensions, our jobs, our homes, and what’s left of our democracy.” The first 5,000 union supporters may be viewed at [www.laborforbernie.org](http://www.laborforbernie.org).

More than a quarter of these Sanders supporters belong to building trades’ unions, with more than 1,000 coming from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers alone. Members of other unions who have showed significant membership support for Sanders’ presidential campaign include the Communications Workers of America, American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, Service Employees International Union, International Union of Operating Engineers, United Auto Workers, and International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The national AFL-CIO’s decision not to make an early endorsement in late July reflected surging Sanders support—an important early victory for Labor for Bernie! Senator Sanders soon won backing from the energetic National Nurses Union and picked up [endorsements from many local unions](#), including Iron Workers Local 7 and IBEW Local 2222.

Larry Cohen, past president of the Communications Workers of America and now Sanders volunteer, said “Our



strong and growing grassroots movement shows that workers are fed up with business as usual. This campaign is about building new power at the grassroots to put a stop to the corporate assault on working families.”

When the American Federation of Teachers national executive board voted to endorse Clinton with little membership input in July, the endorsement caused a huge uproar on social media and led to a major spike in sign-ups by teachers on the Labor for Bernie website. Today, more than 1,000 members of the AFT or the larger NEA have joined the network. Similarly, when the Machinists Union made a Clinton endorsement there was a strong membership reaction.

The top-down and premature endorsements by AFT and IAM spurred members of Labor for Bernie to encourage members to begin grassroots campaigns within their unions to generate pressure on leaders for “no endorsement” and/or “broad membership debate and discussion about the candidates and their stands on key issues.”

Bernie’s long track record has given his campaign great credibility with union members. “Telephone workers in New England know Bernie well because he has walked our picket lines and supported our organizing efforts for years,” said Don Trementozzi, president of CWA Local 1400 based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. “In our union’s recent campaign against the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Bernie was not on the

fence—he was helping us lead the fight against a job-killing trade bill backed by Democrats and Republicans alike.”

“Bernie has a long track record of supporting workers and their right to unionize,” said John Murphy, a Carpenter’s Local 40 steward from Lowell, MA.

“Just recently he was standing with FairPoint workers on their picket lines, offering them aid and support. When members ask me if Bernie can win, I tell them, that’s up to us!”

Already tens of thousands of union members have embraced the “socialist” ideas that Bernie is making the cornerstone of his campaign. They are also implicitly challenging the legacy of “blank check” support from many unions for corporate Democrats who have not stood with the working class on key issues. They want to elect new leaders who can’t be bought by Wall Street or the billionaire class of “One Percenters.”

Whether or not Bernie gains the Democratic nomination, the challenge will be to create new political structures in the labor movement capable of continuing the “political revolution” in contests for elected office in tens of thousands of municipal- and state-level races. If that is the legacy of the Sanders’ campaign, we will owe him a debt of gratitude for many years to come!

*Labor for Bernie 2016 is a volunteer effort neither funded nor directed by the Sanders for President campaign. To join this grassroots mobilization, download useful organizing materials, or learn more about Bernie’s past and present support for workers and their unions, go to: [www.laborforbernie.org](http://www.laborforbernie.org).*

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# Standing with Sanders

By Jake Altman

In August I participated in a panel debate titled “Should Socialists Support Bernie Sanders?” organized by the International Socialist Organization, with Ashley Smith of the ISO, Howie Hawkins of the Green Party and Jason Lowenthal from Boston for Bernie. In addition to ISO, another Trotskyist group—Socialist Alternative—contributed many “interventions” during post-debate Q & A.

Representing DSA, I argued that socialists should eschew the destructive tactics of the “hard left”—meaning Leninists and their anti-democratic kin—and instead focus on supporting Sanders’s social-democratic program. I also argued that cross-class coalitions have often been central components of past socialist electoral successes—something which none of the other debaters were willing to concede even though they all voiced support for the Greens (not exactly a working-class party). Smith and Hawkins would back Jill Stein into oblivion rather than support Sanders. They do not care to understand his true positions on a number of issues

(including Palestine) nor grasp the soundness of his electoral strategy.

Their arguments supported my claim that they have no serious analysis of the reactionary forces rising in American politics. Better to attack Sanders and opportunistically recruit his young supporters (who ISO argues will be disenchanted by an inevitable defeat) than to offer a realistic assessment of power in American society, and plausible strategies to transform it.

ISO folks were quite collegial when we were not “debating.” I suspect they had some internal line on dealing with DSA. While denouncing our politics during the debate, Ashley Smith, in private asides, said that he agreed with my critical comments on Socialist Alternative’s engagement with Sander’s campaign.

Panelists were given a few minutes to respond at the end of the event. By that point—after a couple of hours of listening to the obligatory, tedious speeches from the floor by the sparring cadres of ISO and SA—I simply observed that Bernie’s campaign events would probably benefit

if both the ISO and SA stayed far, far away.

To the charge that Sen. Sanders isn’t a “real socialist”, I replied that he is advancing the interests of working people in a “small-d” democratic arena; at a basic level, that’s what socialists do. The Sanders campaign can also help Americans develop and articulate a compelling social logic that is antithetical to capitalism, placing human needs at the center of our collective endeavors—no small feat for a supposed “capitalist collaborator.”

Sanders espouses socialist sentiments of the highest caliber—better than anything the Leninist groupuscules can spit out—and democratic socialists of good faith should stand with him.

*Jake Altman is a trade unionist and a member of the Boston DSA Executive Board.*

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Cities program, started in the 1950s by President Eisenhower to encourage mutual understanding through visits and cultural exchanges, both official and “people to people”. Somerville, Cambridge, Boston, and many other cities had similar projects.

In the early 1960s at the U. of Chicago Bernie Sanders was a member

of the Young People’s Socialist League, the equivalent of DSA’s youth section today. Back then all YPSL factions, from third camp socialists to right-wing social democrats, were hostile to the USSR’s one-party police state “socialism”. Although apparently Sanders has never again joined an organized socialist group, in his subsequent political career he seems to

have mostly carried on the YPSL tradition of criticizing apologists for *all* repressive regimes, from the nasty dictatorships the US government opposes to those it supports.

But for much of the mainstream media only enthusiasts for the former are worth scolding, and even then, like Anderson Cooper, they sometimes get it wrong.





# About the Raise Up Constitutional Amendment

## Why Investing in Transportation and Public Education Matters

The best way to help working families and build a stronger economy for us all is to make sure that we have quality public schools for our children, affordable higher education, and a transportation system that lets people get to work and customers get to businesses.

Without investment in these common goals, working families fall behind and our communities suffer. New revenue is necessary to improve our public schools, rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, make college affordable, and invest in fast and reliable public transportation.



## What Our Constitutional Amendment Would Do

Our proposed constitutional amendment would create an additional tax of four percentage points only on annual income above \$1 million. The new revenue generated by this tax could only be spent on quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

To ensure that the tax continues to apply only to the highest-income residents, the \$1 million threshold would be adjusted each year to reflect cost-of-living increases.

## What This Means for Massachusetts

**Quality Public Schools:** Kids need a well-rounded education that includes enrichment programs such as music, art and athletics—but many of these programs were eliminated during the recession years. We need to re-invest in these programs now to give all of our kids access to a complete education.

**Affordable Public College:** Compared to other states, Massachusetts ranks 45th in state spending on higher education as a share of our economy.<sup>1</sup> Since 2008, only six other states cut higher education spending at a higher rate than Massachusetts.<sup>2</sup> Now, our tuitions and fees are among the highest in the country, and students are forced to take on enormous debt to receive a degree. We need to re-invest in public higher education, to make it affordable for middle- and working-class students in our state.

### Improved Transportation Infrastructure:

446 bridges in Massachusetts are “structurally deficient,” meaning they have “major deterioration, cracks, or other flaws that reduce [the] ability to support vehicles,” and an estimated \$14.4 billion of bridge repairs are needed.<sup>3</sup> We have a large backlog of neglected bridges, tunnels and unsafe roads in need of repair. If we don’t provide the funding soon to deal with these problems they will only get more dangerous and more expensive to solve in the future.

**If Massachusetts is serious about helping working families and building a stronger economy, we must invest in quality public schools, affordable higher education, and a transportation system that works.**

1. State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, “State Higher Education Finance: FY 2014” 2. Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, “Higher Learning, Lower Funding: The Decline in Support for Higher Education in Massachusetts” 3. Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, “A Preview of the FY 2016 Budget”

To get involved in our grassroots movement, go to [RaiseUpMA.org](http://RaiseUpMA.org)

# Public Transit Is a Public Good—Increase Public Funding!

**WHEN: Saturday, October 24,  
9:30 am—1:30 pm**

**WHERE: SEIU Local 32BJ,  
26 West St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Park St. T, Boston**

The Budget for All Coalition invites you to a half-day forum to build support for increased federal and state investment in public transportation.

Sessions include:

- State of public transit in Eastern Massachusetts
- Investments needed for a modern and efficient public transportation system
- Impact of public transit privatization on riders, T employees and their unions
- Need for re-allocation of our Federal Tax dollars to mass transit

- A role for the Congressional Progressive Caucus' Peoples Budget in mobilizing to improve mass transit

**Panelists:**

**Phineas Baxandall**, Mass Budget & Policy Center

**Cathy Ann Buckley**, MA Sierra Club Representative, T Riders Union at Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE),

**Representative**, Boston Carmen's Union, Local 589, Amalgamated Transit Union

**Cole Harrison**, Massachusetts Peace Action

**Jonathan King**, professor of biology, MIT and Budget for All

**Jeremy Mendelson**, Transit-Matters

**Joshua Ostroff**, Transportation for Massachusetts

**Concetta Paul**, Mass. Alliance of HUD Tenants (MAHT)

**Kirstie Pecci**, Mass PIRG

**John Ratliff**, Mass. Senior Action

**Paul Shannon**, Budget for All and American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

**Jack Spence**, 350 Massachusetts, Transportation working group

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