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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CONTACT: Bruce E. Spitzer**
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RAISE FUNDS FOR ALS RESEARCH**

BOSTON, May 18, 2016 – The Massachusetts Bankers Association announced today that a group of member banks have joined together to support ALS One, a local nonprofit that is looking to raise at least \$1 million this month to help find a cure for ALS.

ALS One recently launched “A Thousand for A Thousand,” a social media campaign that targets small business owners, with a goal of raising at least \$1,000 from at least 1,000 businesses – or over \$1 million – during the month of May, which in addition to being “National Small Business Month” is also “ALS Awareness Month.”

The group of Massachusetts banks has joined hundreds of local businesses, doctors and researchers in an effort to direct small business owners and the general public to www.alsone.org/thousand where anyone can make a donation and learn more about the campaign.

ALS One was founded by Massachusetts small business owner Kevin Gosnell, who last year at age 46 was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Gosnell, of Hanover, Mass., is the owner of T&K Asphalt, a business that he started in college and grew into the largest paving company in the Northeast.

The current list of banks participating in the ALS One campaign include: Avidia Bank, Bank of Canton, Berkshire Bank, Blue Hills Bank, Dedham Institution for Savings, Eastern Bank, East Cambridge Savings Bank, Enterprise Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, First Ipswich Bank, Florence Bank, HarborOne Bank, Leader Bank, MountainOne Bank, Needham Bank, North Shore Bank, Randolph Savings Bank, Rockland Trust Company, Rollstone Bank & Trust,

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, The Village Bank, Walpole Co-operative Bank, and Webster Bank.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 165 commercial, savings and co-operative banks and savings and loan associations in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England.

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