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Dear Colleague:

Most Americans believe our political system is broken. Polling data consistently demonstrates that Americans believe that money is corrupting our political process, and that large corporations are exercising far too much power in society. In these polarized times, this belief is shared by Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. It is one of the few policy areas where there is a genuine consensus.

The United States is supposed to operate as a democratic Republic. Where “We the People” are sovereign, and where elected representatives cannot pass laws that violate the inherent and inalienable rights protected by our Constitution.

The legal doctrines of “money equals political speech” and “corporate constitutional rights” were both created by Supreme Court decisions. The question of how to best protect the integrity of elections and the proper role of the corporation in society are political questions, and according to our system of government should be addressed by elected representatives at the local, state, and federal level. When the Court illegitimately turns a political question into a Constitutional question, they transform “We the People” from active, sovereign participants into mere spectators.

I ask you to join me in a effort to return our government to the framework intended by the Founders by co-sponsoring the “We the People” Amendment to amend the U.S. Constitution to make it clear that only natural persons possess inherent inalienable constitutional rights and that the expenditure of money in political campaigns is not protected “speech.”

This approach has the overwhelming support of the American people. Over 80% of Americans support this approach when surveyed. Over 700 jurisdictions at the local and county level have passed Resolutions in support of abolishing these doctrines. Even more telling is that the issue has been won at the ballot box in over 350 communities, as well as four statewide initiatives. And these referendums have won everywhere – rural, suburban, and urban communities. It has also won in areas considered conservative, liberal and moderate.

With any questions or to co-sponsor the “We the People” Amendment, please contact Danielle Fulfs in my office at [Danielle.Fulfs@mail.house.gov](mailto:Danielle.Fulfs@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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