

TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
AND TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

As members of the Washington State Legislature, we seek to nurture and expand democracy in our state and in our nation. Free and fair elections are essential to American democracy and effective self-governance. The granting of constitutional protections to non-natural corporate “persons” threatens the rights of living, breathing persons to have their voices heard. Corporations should not have a constitutionally protected right to donate unregulated amounts of money to campaigns.

Corporations are legal entities separate and apart from human beings. They can and should be given specific legal rights by Federal, State, and local law, but not the rights of natural, living, breathing persons which are enumerated in the Constitution.

In light of these facts, we, the undersigned members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, respectfully urge Congress to prepare and send to the states for adoption, a Constitutional amendment that in effect reverses the 2010 Supreme Court’s *Citizens United* decision by clarifying that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are persons under the United States Constitution.
2. Money is not speech and the donation of money to a political campaign is not a form of constitutionally protected speech. Therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Yours Respectfully,

Signature

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