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WPC Friends:

Please consider attending a **house party gathering** in your area, **Saturday or Sunday, July 16th and 17th** - an initial step toward the [Rebuild the Dream](#) national organizing effort.

WPC feels these gatherings and this national effort - organized and promoted by MoveOn.Org and partners - are an important companion to our advocacy work for public financing of campaigns and to reset the stage in national debate on policy issues dealing with budget and tax fairness, protecting Social Security, "guns vs. butter" in war spending, and how to get America back to work.

We know that to achieve the promise of American democracy - government "of, by and for the people" - we need to support game-changing reforms while we also respond to immediate crises. America needs public campaign financing and we need a 180-degree change in Supreme Court decisions - rulings that so far have protected moneyed interests in electioneering spending instead of protecting real voter democracy.

But these game-changing reforms are unlikely to come about without widespread active popular support (beyond the "choir"). Quite simply, we have to "connect the dots" with daily kitchen-table concerns - concerns over jobs, health care costs, environmental safety and sustainability, access to and affordability of education - and the terrible costs and aftermath of ongoing war. We can do this by reaching out to our neighbors in thoughtful conversation about how to rebuild an American dream - and to truly achieve the promise of equal opportunity, justice and economic fairness for all.

A national coalition of groups - including MoveOn.Org, U.S.Action, SEIU, ChangeToWin and other groups - recently launched the [Rebuild the Dream](#) effort, with house meetings beginning July 16th in every Congressional district nationwide, to be followed by citizen action and lobbying in favor of policies to fix the economy and protect the 98-percent of Americans who struggle daily to make ends meet.

To find a house meeting in your area - and to sign up to attend - visit the [Rebuild the Dream](#) website here: <http://rebuildthedream.com/>

In addition, [please support WPC's advocacy work](#) for public campaign financing, and to [overturn Supreme Court rulings](#) (such as *Citizens United*) through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect the power of voters in American democracy against the undue influence of Big Money.

To advance that work, WPC is collaborating with a coalition of like-minded organizations (Free Speech For People.org, Move-To-Amend.org, the Backbone Campaign, WashPIRG, and others), promoting a state legislative resolution that calls on Congress and the people to adopt a constitutional amendment. Such an objective provides a specific focus - with opportunity for citizens to speak up and lobby their elected officials - in every state legislative district. We need to make our voices and opinions heard on this vital issue, in places where it will make a difference.

Thank you!

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