



“The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of a private power to the point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in essence, is fascism.”

–*Franklin Delano Roosevelt*



“Five justices were unhappy with the limited nature of the case before us, so they changed the case to give themselves an opportunity to change the law.”

–*Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens*

Proposed 28th Amendment

- **Section 1** [A corporation is not a person]

The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.

Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law.

The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

- **Section 2** [Money is not speech and can be regulated]

Federal, State and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, for the purpose of influencing in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

Federal, State and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed. The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.

- **Section 3**

Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

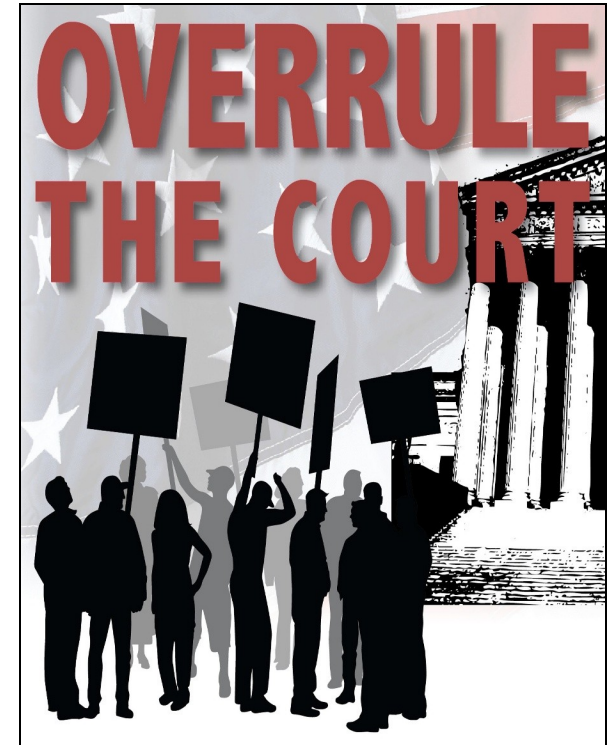
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We are the Brookhaven affiliate of
MoveToAmend.org.

Move To Amend is a nonpartisan association that believes that there is too much money in politics.

This is *not* a Right/Left or Conservative/Liberal issue.

This issue is common ground for all
Americans.

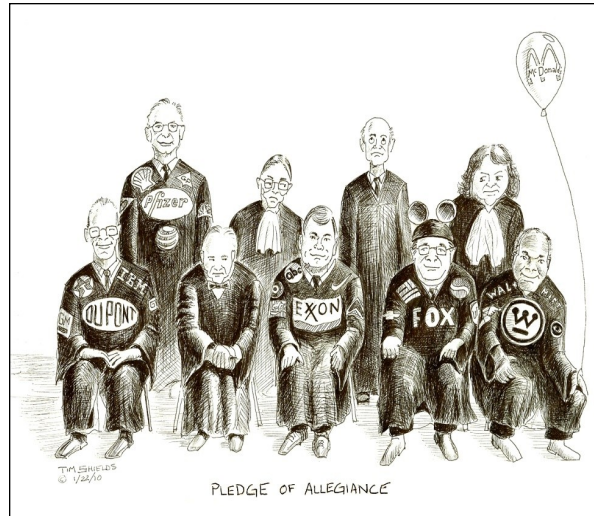
Dear Friends,

We are moved to take action against the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. *Citizens United* opened the door to unlimited, anonymous and unaccountable money in America's politics. This is the overriding issue of our time. **We will never have an honest debate on policy or legislation until we address and overturn the *Citizens United* decision!** Our voices will be drowned out by the corrupting influence of money from special interest groups, through their **Super PACs**.

We affirm that democracy should *not* be for sale!

MovetoAmend.org is now affiliated with approximately 60 other organizations, under the banner of **United for the People**. Throughout the nation, grassroots campaigns are forming to get resolutions passed by town councils or ballot initiatives passed by voters. Through these resolutions and initiatives, we aspire to amend the United States Constitution. This 28th Amendment will firmly establish that **money is not speech** (money is property) and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; **corporations are not people** and are *not* endowed with inalienable human rights. The thought process behind these resolutions is that if thousands of communities across the nation affirm that they support this amendment, then our federal and state elected officials can no longer ignore this issue.

To date, six states, Vermont, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Maryland, Hawaii and California and many cities have successfully passed resolutions. Visit Movetoamend.org for current information.



Why we are Moved to Amend

Many Americans feel disenfranchised and that their vote does not count. Deceptive negative ads are creating a toxic political atmosphere. *Citizens United* has created a situation where our politicians are becoming indebted to special interest groups and *not* to the constituents that elect them. Foreign nations can now influence our elections through corporate contributions. Our politicians are now spending more time fund raising than legislating (just ask them). Special interest groups can now threaten politicians that if they do not vote in favor of corporate interests, **Super PACs** will dump millions of dollars of negative ads in their district. The national parties are worried that they will no longer control the agenda as the **Super PACs** raise more money. Lobbyists write our legislation.

Polls show that 80% of Americans support overturning *Citizens United*.

Brookhaven Move to Amend welcomes diversity in our group, as we want a true reflection of our community. Our commitment to non-violent activism is of utmost importance to building our movement. We have joined forces with Americans across the nation by affiliating with **Move-toAmend.org**.

Our Mission

The mission of **Move To Amend Brookhaven** is to generate effective grassroots support for the passage of a 28th Amendment of the US Constitution, by taking peaceful and respectful actions that advance civil discourse and promote working together at the civic, town, county, state and federal levels of government. We are committed to educating, mobilizing and involving the public about the need for this initiative and working with like-minded organizations.

We invite you to sign our petition and join us.

