

# *We The People Maine.org*

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*Money is not speech!*

## **Amend the Constitution. Why?**

in 2010 the Supreme Court ruled by a narrow 5 to 4 majority on a case called *Citizens United vs. the Federal Elections Commission* As a result of that decision and a series of previous decisions, it is now the law of the land that corporations have the same rights as people and that the huge sums of money they pour into election campaigns are a legal expression of freedom of speech.

Our constitution is a living document. The founders carefully crafted it so that if the Supreme Court's interpretation of the language ever strayed too far from the original intent of that document, it could be changed. Article 5 guarantees the right of state legislatures to amend the Constitution. Our state constitution permits the people to instruct the state legislature through the initiative process.

**If there ever was a time in our nation's history that called for this process to be activated, that time is NOW!**

Our proposed amendment was drafted by a team of Maine lawyers and reviewed by constitutional scholars. The legal language is necessary to safe guard the content. The heart of the amendment is very simple. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE and MONEY IS NOT SPEECH.

## **This is how We the People can change the law of the land**

### ***We begin in Maine....***

Our petition needs to be signed by over 52,777 registered Maine voters. The number of signatures required is 10% of the number of voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election.

When the signed petition is submitted to the Maine legislature it becomes the We The People Maine Citizen Initiative. The legislature must do one of two things.

1 - Act on it and notify the United States Congress that the State of Maine is calling for an amendment to the Constitution based on the language of the We The People Maine Citizen Initiative.

- Or -

2 - Not act on it, which would trigger a We The People Maine Referendum and a question would be placed the ballot for Maine voters to consider. If the referendum is successful congress is then notified that Maine is requesting an amendment to the Constitution.

### ***Then on to Washington....***

When 2/3 of the states have called for an amendment to the Constitution the US congress must do one of two things.

1 - Draft an amendment based on the letter and the spirit of the initiatives submitted by the states.

- Or -

2 - Convene a Constitutional convention of delegates from each state to draft the proposed amendment. When the final draft is ratified by 3/4 of the states it becomes an amendment to the constitution.

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