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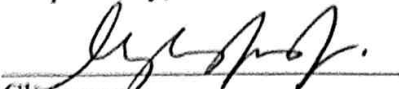
The Board of Selectmen and citizens of Southwest Harbor Maine are concerned that big money from corporate and other sources unfairly influence our local, state and federal elections, politics and public policy. The winners in these elections write laws that do, or don't send funds to our Town.

Therefore we, the Selectmen of the Town of Southwest Harbor, stand with communities across the country in seeking to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by recommending there be an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Corporations are not entitled to the Constitutional protections or "rights" of natural persons.
2. Money is not speech, and therefore, regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

We petition our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

Respectfully,


Chairman


Vice Chairman

