

Nowhere is there more evidence of the power of corporations as persons and money as speech than in the area of climate change.

There is near unanimity that the primary cause of the acceleration of climate change is the emission into our atmosphere of greenhouse gases by the fossil fuel and commercial meat industries. Efforts by governments at all levels have had no success in mitigating those emissions.

Money, protected as 1st amendment speech, flows to our candidates and legislators seeking re-election in unprecedented amounts with few limits. The lobbying and court decisions favoring the corporate interests of the fossil fuel and commercial meat industries have set us on a path leading to the degradation of our democracy and to many critical aspects of our society and the planet. Our existence on this planet is threatened if we continue to disregard the implications

of climate change. The earth will survive after humans are gone and will likely renew itself, much like what has happened in various locations where human life has ceased like the Korean DMZ and Chernobyl. That will prove it was us but we won't be here to reap the benefits of that finding. Ah, yes we should have heeded the words of Pogo "We have met the enemy and he is us". Remember "If you don't change your direction, you're liable to end up where you're going."