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**Move to Amend Statement on Hillary Clinton's Pledge to Introduce
Amendment to Overturn *Citizens United***

**Calls on Democratic Frontrunner to End Corporate Constitutional Rights in
Proposed 28th Amendment**

(ST. LOUIS, MO) – Democratic presidential frontrunner [Hillary Clinton pledged](#) to introduce a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's *Citizens United v. FEC* decision in her first 30 days as president in a video address at Netroots Nation on Saturday.

In response to Clinton's pledge, Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, National Director for the Move to Amend Coalition, issued the following statement:

"While we're glad to hear Hillary Clinton pledging to address the corrosive problem of corporate influence in elections, we urge Ms. Clinton to [pledge to support the We the People Amendment](#) which will actually dismantle the doctrines that prop up the *Citizens United* case. *Citizens United* is just one precedent in a long line of Supreme Court cases dating back to 1886, and focusing on this recent case does nothing to address corporate constitutional rights under the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments. Campaign promises are made to be broken, and we need more than lip service to democracy during election time. We need a constitutional amendment that address *both* Supreme Court doctrines of corporate constitutional rights and money as speech to overturn the corrupt decisions that made *Citizens United* possible."

Clinton has previously called for campaign finance reform which is included in the draft Democratic Party platform also includes a call for comprehensive reforms. Clinton proposed a multi-pronged approach including legislation requiring greater public disclosure, establishing a public finance system for congressional and presidential candidates, and supporting a Securities and Exchange Commission rule requiring publicly traded companies to disclose political spending to shareholders. Last Tuesday, Clinton stated it would be a "top priority" if she's elected president.

"Democrats, Republicans, Greens, Libertarians, and Independents share agreement on this issue: we need broad and systemic reforms to establish a genuine democracy of, by, and for the people," continued Sopoci-Belknap. "More than 600 towns, cities, and counties across the United States – including 17 state legislatures – support a constitutional amendment ending corporate influence in elections. We welcome any candidate or officeholder who commits to ending the oligarchy favoring corporate interests and legalizing genuine democracy of, by, and

for the people. I sincerely hope Ms. Clinton will take this issue seriously and get on the same page with more than 80% of Americans who agree corporations should not have Constitutional rights.”

Move to Amend is a rapidly growing national grassroots coalition of over 408,000 individuals and thousands of organizations working to pass a constitutional amendment to make clear that Constitutional rights belong to human beings and political spending is not protected speech under the First Amendment. The [We The People amendment](#) was introduced in the US House of Representatives as House Joint Resolution 48 on April 29, 2015.

Move to Amend representatives are available for interviews with the press. To arrange an interview, please contact press@movetoamend.org or call 916-318-8040.

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