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Congress of the United States
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Dear Colleague,

Most Americans believe our political system is broken. Polling data consistently demonstrates that Americans believe that money is corrupting our political process, and that large corporations are exercising far too much power in society. In these polarized times, this belief is shared by Democrats, Republicans and Independents. It is one of the few policy areas where there is a genuine consensus.

The United States is supposed to operate as a democratic Republic. Where “We the People” are sovereign, and that elected representatives cannot pass laws that violate the inherent and inalienable rights protected by our Constitution.

The legal doctrines of “money equals political speech” and “corporate constitutional rights” were both created by Supreme Court decisions—examples of judicial activism. The question of how to best protect the integrity of elections and the proper role of the corporation in society are **political** questions, and according to our system of government should be addressed by elected representatives, at the local, state and federal level. When the Court illegitimately turns a political question into a Constitutional question, they transform “We the People” from active, sovereign participants into mere spectators.

I ask you to join me in a bi-partisan effort to return our government to the framework intended by the Founders by co-sponsoring **House Joint Resolution 48 the “We the People” Act** to amend the US Constitution to make it clear that only natural persons possess inherent inalienable constitutional rights and that the expenditure of money is not protected speech.

This approach has overwhelming support of the American people. Over 80% of Americans support this approach when surveyed. Over 650 jurisdictions at the local and county level have passed Resolutions in support of abolishing these doctrines. Even more telling is that the issue has been placed on the ballot in over 350 communities, and won **every single time**. And these referendums have won **everywhere**—rural, suburban, and urban. It has also won in areas considered conservative, liberal and moderate.

The American people want action. To co-sponsor H.J.Res.48, please contact Joe Stanoch in my office at joe.stanoch@mail.house.gov

Sincerely,

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