



To Whom It May Concern,

We'd like to invite your organization to join us on **January 21st, 2012, 1-3pm** in a **Day of Action** at the **Capitol Steps** in **Sacramento** to mark the 2nd Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's disastrous *Citizens United v. FEC* ruling.

The national Day of Action is being organized by Public Citizen, along with partners People for the American Way, Move to Amend, Common Cause and Free Speech for People. Your endorsement and support of the Sacramento rally are crucial for building momentum for a proposed State resolution jointly authored by Assemblymembers Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) and Michael Allen (D-Santa Rosa), instructing Congress to send the states a constitutional amendment overturning *Citizens United* and restoring constitutional rights and fair elections to the people. The First Amendment should not be transformed into powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate democratically-enacted reforms. We believe that local and state resolutions are key to increasing grassroots national support for a constitutional amendment.

As you know, *Citizens United* has increased the flood of corporate money in our elections and expanded corporate political power by ending a century-old ban on the direct spending of money from corporate coffers for political campaigns. This has made an already flawed campaign funding system far, far worse. Skyrocketing spending by corporations and the wealthiest 1% --through secret channels and completely unaccountable independent groups--is having pervasive negative impacts on politics and policymaking. A rapidly growing movement is calling for a constitutional amendment to reverse this dangerous ruling and restore constitutional rights to the people.

Please let us know if your organization can sign on to the attached Call to Action. Kindly fill out the endorsement form we've provided and return it by **January 16**. We also ask that you publicize this action to your members, allies, constituents and friends. This will be a long, hard fight, and it will only be won if we're all in this together. We urge you to join this critical effort to rescue our democracy.

Best,

[name of activist]

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