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**Supreme Court Rulings in favor of Corporations are Bad for Small Business**

The 2010 Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. FEC* overturned a 1907 federal statute that prohibited corporations from spending money to influence elections. Later in 2010, their ruling in *Speech Now v FEC* expanded *Citizens United* allowing PACs to accept corporate money for “independent” campaign expenditures, giving rise to Super PACs.

These decisions unleashed a torrent of contributions which substantially increased the influence of large corporations and the ultra-wealthy over our elections and thus on policy decisions.

There has been a negative impact on small businesses. Corporations that contribute to candidates do leverage legislation that tilts the playing field in their favor, making it more difficult for small businesses to compete. Those contributions keep the corporate welfare system intact and divert tax dollars into CEO pockets, but have you received any of those subsidies? Small businesses are the backbone of our economy but only the powerful corporations are profiting from the crony capitalism that we have today.

The Founding Fathers warned about the power of corporations. *"I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare to challenge our government to a trial by strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country."* -- Thomas Jefferson.

The only way to overrule the Supreme Court is to amend the US Constitution to establish, once and for all, that money is not speech and corporations do not have the Constitutional rights of human beings. Sixteen states and over 500 municipal governments have already passed resolutions calling for an amendment. The American Sustainable [Business Council's Business for Democracy](#) petition calls for a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United.

Your local government is your first line of representation in fighting back against the corruption in our federal government. Call on your local government to sponsor and support a resolution.

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**I am a local, small business owner and I want my local government to pass a resolution to amend the US Constitution to establish that money is not speech and corporations do not have the constitutional rights of human beings.**

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Business Address

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Owner's name