

Jan 16, 2015

Dear Senator Ellis

During the 83rd Legislative session, we were delighted to learn that you had authored SCR 2 calling on the US Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to our constitution that establishes that **money is not speech and corporations do not have the constitutional rights of people**.

We are writing to thank you for resubmitting SCR2 in the 84th legislative session. It is our intention that Texas should join the 16 other states and over 600 municipal governments that have passed similar resolutions. We, the cosigners of this letter, are prepared to champion this resolution by gathering petition signatures, asking legislators to cosponsor and holding a Lobby Day to bring attention to this legislation.

Citizens and their representatives have worked hard over the past 100 years to sustain and protect our democratic principles by holding in check the influence of the wealthy few over the voices of the many. When the highest court in the land is able to undermine these protections, and open the floodgates to the corrupting influence of big money, there is only one way to overrule the court. We must resolve this issue once and for all with an amendment to the constitution. That is why it is so important that you have re-submitted SCR 2 in the 84th legislative session.

Getting Texas on board would be a powerful statement that could turn the tide of this movement. We believe this, the undue influence of money in politics, is the defining issue of our time. We look forward to working with you to get this resolution passed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Representative Thompson,

Jan 16, 2014

During the 83rd Legislative session, we were delighted to learn that you had authored HCR 21 calling on the US Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to our constitution that establishes that **money is not speech and corporations do not have the constitutional rights of people**.

We are writing to urge you to resubmit HCR 21 in the 84th legislative session, with the intention that Texas should join the 16 other states and over 600 municipal governments that have passed similar resolutions. We, the cosigners of this letter, are prepared to champion this resolution by gathering petition signatures, asking legislators to cosponsor and holding a Lobby Day to bring attention to this issue and the legislation.

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Getting Texas on board would be a powerful statement that could turn the tide of this movement. We sincerely urge you to resubmit HCR 21. We believe this, the undue influence of money in politics, is the defining issue of our time. We hope to work with you to get this resolution passed.

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