

## CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

September 11, 2012

The Honorable Rick Snyder Governor of the State of Michigan PO Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Gov. Snyder:

We, the undersigned, are writing you to express our concern over the Supreme Court decision in the case of Citizens United that makes corporations equivalent to human beings. We believe this decision has far-reaching ramifications that are negatively impacting the entire political process.

As those who have sworn to uphold the Constitution, we feel obligated to affirm the priority of natural persons. We fear that the Supreme Court has opened the floodgates. Foreign funding can now enter our system freely and without limitation. When the Supreme Court defines money as speech it makes money the basis for our political future.

In conclusion, if corporations have the protections of the Constitution, then there is no reason why corporations cannot vote and run for public office. We call upon your office to take the strongest measures to resolve this matter.

George K. Heartwell

Mayor

Sincerely

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