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The Honorable Benjamin Barnes
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The Honorable Barbara Frush
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State Delegates, 21st Delegation
House Office Building, Room 157
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Support for the Letter to the U.S. Congress Asking for a
Constitutional Amendment**

Dear Senator Rosapepe, Delegates Barnes, Frush, and Peña-Melnyk:

The Mayor and Council of the City of College Park submit this letter asking for each of you to sign the letter to the United States Congress requesting a constitutional amendment to reverse the United States Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) case.

The *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) case holding stated that political spending is a form of protected speech under the First Amendment and the government may not prohibit corporations or unions from spending money to support or denounce individual candidates in elections. Although this Supreme Court ruling doesn't allow corporations or unions to give money directly to campaigns, it does allow them to seek to persuade the voting public through other means, including ads.

The Maryland General Assembly letter, organized through Senator Jamie Raskin's office, requests the U.S. Congress to take an active step towards

restoring democracy by reversing the ruling of the *Citizens United* case. We urge you to show your support by signing the letter and by requesting your General Assembly peers to do the same. This Supreme Court decision impacts all levels of government and we appreciate your participation in this national effort to take back our democracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. M. Fellows', written in a cursive style.

Andrew M. Fellows
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin