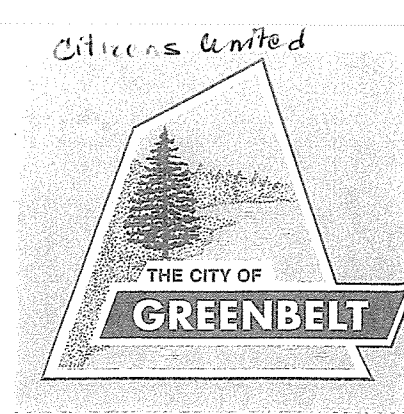


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February 2, 2012

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Maryland State Senate  
220 James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator <sup>Paul</sup> Pinsky:

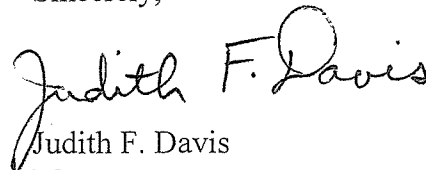
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The Greenbelt City Council respectfully requests that you sign the General Assembly letter to the United States Congress requesting a constitutional amendment to reverse the Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in the *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* (2010) case. This letter, which is being organized through Maryland State Senator Raskin's office, asks Congress to take this step as soon as practicable.

The *Citizens United* decision grants corporations the same First Amendment political speech rights as individuals. It has invalidated State and Federal laws and allows corporations to spend large amounts of money to influence elections through advertising and other means. The Council believes this decision is wrong as corporations are not people and should not have the same free speech protections.

We urge your support for this important effort to overturn the *Citizens United* decision in order to reduce the undue influence by corporations in our democratic process.

Sincerely,

  
Judith F. Davis  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
22<sup>nd</sup> District Delegation  
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
The Honorable Ben Cardin  
The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
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