CITY OF GREENBELT
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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 Pinsky:

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
22nd District Delegation
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
The Honorable Ben Cardin
The Honorable Steny Hoyer
The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
The Honorable Michael Busch
The Honorable Jamie Raskin
The Honorable Melony Griffith