

Citizens Applaud Approval of Resolution Calling for a Constitutional Amendment to Curb Corporate Power in Elections

Citizens today applauded the approval by the Roque Bluffs Selectmen of a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment designed to curb corporate influence over elections.

Similar resolutions have been considered and passed by city and town councils nationwide. The effort is being organized by numerous nationwide organizations and elected officials, including Public Citizen, Move to Amend, and Common Cause.

The resolution calls for passage of a constitutional amendment that would overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* ruling, which gave corporations and wealthy individuals the green light to spend unlimited sums on elections. Since the Supreme Court's unprecedented 5-4 ruling in 2010, which effectively overturned state and federal restrictions on campaign spending, record amounts of money have been spent in races throughout the country. Super PACs and billionaires are promising to spend millions more.

"We need to press for such an amendment before our democracy is totally corrupted by money," said Andrew Cadot., who presented the Resolution to the Seectmen.

"Roque Bluffs has joined a growing movement in which city and town councils, from Los Angeles and New York, to Duluth, Minn., and South Miami, Fla., are calling for a constitutional amendment to curb corporate influence over elections," said Selectman Lisa Hanscom.

219 resolutions have passed at the local level in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Vermont, Maine and elsewhere. At the state level, legislatures in Hawaii, California, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Mexico, Rhode Island and Vermont have passed resolutions calling for an amendment to get money out of politics.

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