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Shawano, WI 5166

October 22, 2018

City of Shawano Common Council  
Shawano City Hall  
127 S Sawyer St  
Shawano, WI 54166

**RE: Petition for Direct Legislation**

Dear Common Council Members:

On behalf of “We the People” of the City of Shawano, please find enclosed a Petition Certification for direct legislation bearing the signatures of 573 individuals, a number of electors equal to at least 15% of the votes cast for governor at the last general election in the City of Shawano. Although the Common Council could itself pass the proposed, resolution, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 9.20(4), we request that the Common Council refer the resolution, without alteration, to a vote of the Electors on the April 2, 2019 ballot in the City of Shawano. We believe that the voters of the City of Shawano should have the opportunity to directly and democratically express their interest on this matter. We have attached a copy of the resolution that we would like the Common Council to pass after the citizens vote on it.

This resolution calls for a Constitutional Amendment declaring that: 1) Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights – not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and 2) Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech under the First Amendment. A “Yes” vote on this resolution would indicate support for a Constitutional Amendment, while a “No” vote would indicate opposition to an Amendment.

As the individual filing on behalf of the City of Shawano United to Amend, please contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns about the validity of sufficiency of our petition.

Sincerely,

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