May 1, 2012

Representative Joe Courtney
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Representative Rosa DeLauro
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New Haven, CT 06510

Representative Jim Himes
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Stamford, CT. 06091

Representative John Larson
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Hartford, CT 06103

Representative Chris Murphy
1 Grove St.
New Britain, CT 06053

Dear Representatives Courtney, DeLauro, Himes, Larson and Murphy,

We, the undersigned, are writing in support of the Constitutional Amendment to overturn Citizen’s United v. FEC and restore elections to the people. We ask that you firmly establish that money is not speech and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights.

In Connecticut, we have a proud history of enacting clean election laws aimed at eliminating the corrupting influence of money on democracy.

Through small donations, public grants and limits on non-person donations, our state has effectively reformed the way in which state elections are conducted.
Our General Assembly enacted laws to attempt to combat the effects of the Citizen’s United case, but no state law can adequately address the influx of large targeted expenditures from corporate giants and wealthy individuals. These expenditures are unlimited and no one is accountable for the content of the message. The consequence is that the general population has no idea who is actually influencing the outcome of an election. The bankbooks of the few are deciding the fate of the many. That is not democracy. Citizen’s United has taken our democracy out of the people’s hands and placed it squarely in the pockets of a few, wealthy individuals and large corporations.

Our democracy is founded on the principle of the consent of the governed. We do not consent to be governed by corporations and a few wealthy individuals.

We stand ready to be of any assistance in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Gayle Slossberg
Chair, Government Administration and Elections Committee

Representative Russ Morin
Chair, Government Administration and Elections Committee

Senator Donald Williams
Senate President Pro Tempore

Representative Christopher Donovan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Senator Martin M. Looney
Senate Majority Leader

Representative Brendan Sharkey
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Representative Matthew Lesser

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Representative Henry Genga

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Representative Roland Lemar

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Representative Mary Mushinsky

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Representative Elizabeth Ritter

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Representative Kevin Ryan

Linda S.
Representative Linda Schofield
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- Jordan T. Johnson
- Sarah
- James M. Allen 99th
- Emily
- Mary Ann 144th
- Patricia L. Sellars 145th
- J P 9th

Dates:

- 1844
- 1646
- 106th
- 05-11
- 124th
- 126th
- 57th
Linda M. Ventule

Robert Megna 97th

Kim Smith 133rd

Kendra Leong Fromley By

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Karen Todd 58th

Steve McKinnon

Joy P. Polley 60th
Larry B. Butler 72nd Dist.

Paul Dennis 111th Dist.

Paul Mitchell 14th District

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Philip J. Muller 36th

Sandy Nof 24th

Karl R. 4th

Patsy Stille 98th

Kern Rose 118th

Melissa Fields 16th

Rep. Donnie Reed