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RE: HJM6

Dear Committee Members:

I have been concerned for years about the mind-boggling amount of money in our political system.

When the Supreme Court ruled in *Citizen's United vs. FEC* (2010), I became aware of the insidious tentacles of corporate "personhood." Not only could corporations and other artificial entities donate unlimited amounts of funds to candidates and special interest causes, they could claim incredible rights under numerous constitutional amendments.

I wanted to communicate my concerns in a well-educated manner and signed up for a 10-week study discussion: "Challenging Corporate Power, Asserting the People's Rights," which explained the historic rise of corporate power. This outstanding course was a 2006 campaign of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, US Section. The highly credible WILPF, founded in 1915 and active in 40 countries, has included five Nobel Peace Prize laureates.

Once our Yamhill County group finished the course, we were compelled to continue our quest and completed steps to become an official Move to Amend affiliate. Move to Amend, (MTA) is a national grassroots project urging the passage of a constitutional amendment establishing that (a) corporations are not people and, therefore, do not have the same constitutional rights as people, and (b) money is not speech and can be regulated.

Please join this movement (14 states have already called on Congress to pass such an amendment), and send a strong message to Congress, urging this amendment's passage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Gretchen Olson