



Tax Fairness Oregon works to promote a fair tax code and advocate for tax laws that are fair, stable and adequate to serve the common good.

To maintain a healthy political process of self-governance, it is critical that citizens participate in a system of government they know to be fair.

History has taught us that power and money distort the process of a democratic government intended to be of the people, by the people, and for the people, to the advantage of some and to the detriment of others.

Often, that which can be gotten away with is that which is called fair. This happens on both large and small scales. Corporations have been getting away with quite a bit. But just because they have gotten away with it, does not mean it is right, fair, or in the best interest of a government best served by empowered citizens.

It is inherently UNFAIR that corporations, entities which are afforded special protections and considerations and are organized to benefit THE FEW have influenced events to an extent that they are granted the same rights as individuals, despite having no rights afforded to them in the Constitution, or by direct judicial action.

It is inherently UNFAIR that money, a resource which flows to corporations aided in large part by the special protections and considerations provided to them, is equated with the individual's constitutional right to free speech.

These conventions have well served those special interests they so richly benefit, to the detriment of the rest of society for too long, and now is the time to put an end to it.

This society has many very difficult problems to contend with. Some are so clouded by shades of grey that what is right, what is FAIR is hard to discern. Neither Corporate Personhood, nor Money-as-Speech belong to this class of problem. Here there is a strong correlation between what is right, what is fair, and common sense.

Corporations are not people. Money collected by corporations is not speech. By clarifying these distorting concepts, citizens, and our representative government, will be in a far stronger position to tackle other important problems, without these distorting influences which have disenfranchised so many.

I implore you to do your jobs as representatives of the people, and take this critical first step towards restoring fairness into our system of government. HJM6 does this by clarifying the separation between corporate rights and human rights, and by asserting that money does not equate to free speech.