

I am writing in support of House Joint Memorial 201, calling for an article V constitutional convention to pass an amendment which states, in essence, that money is not speech and that corporations are not people.

It is essential that we correct both conditions which have not only granted large artificial entities such as corporations and unions undue influence in our elections, but have also afforded them constitutional rights intended only for human beings.

The latter condition of "corporate personhood" was created through numerous court decisions since the 1880's and has permitted corporations to evade health, workplace safety and environmental regulations by claiming protections under the 1st, 4th, 5th, and 14th amendments.

Simply limiting corporate spending in elections, while extremely important, would only turn the clock back to before the SCOTUS 1976 Buckley v. Valeo decision which allowed money to be considered speech by striking down limits on campaign spending.

Please send HJM201 to the floor with a "pass" recommendation, urge your colleagues to support this bill, and help restore our democracy.

Thank you and sincerely,

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