

As Chair of Our Revolution Southern Oregon and former Secretary of Move to Amend Jackson County, I have some experience with the ill-advised 2010 Citizens United decision and the subsequent McCutcheon decision which allow unlimited campaign contributions from political action committees and individuals, respectively. As Justice John Paul Stevens stated in his 2010 dissenting opinion: "The Court's ruling threatens to undermine the integrity of elected institutions across the Nation. The path it has taken to reach its outcome will, I fear, do damage to this institution." By "this institution," Stevens was referring to our democratic republic which purports to be an institution of elected representation of the people, not of special interests, be they corporate, union, political organization committee, or individual. The events of January 6 at our nation's capitol are a stark reminder of what can happen when a people do not feel that their votes matter.

In light of the recent 2020 Oregon State Supreme Court decision and the House Joint Memorial Resolution that was passed in 2013, it is now time for our representatives to reassert and encode the sovereign right of the citizens of Oregon to a democratic republic by regulating all moneys raised and spent for political purposes in the state of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

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