



Wisconsin United To Amend was formed in early 2010, shortly after the *Citizens United v. FEC* decision. The April 2011 referendums in Madison and Dane County were the first referendums on Citizens United in the nation. Citizens all across Wisconsin have worked to introduce local referenda and resolutions. Today, 166 communities (cities, counties, villages and towns) have passed either referenda, resolutions or both. Below is an example resolution:

Shall the City of Waukesha adopt the following resolution?

Resolved, that “We the People” of the City of Waukesha, seek to restore democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unlimited political contributions and spending. We stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights — not corporations, unions, non-profits or other artificial entities, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.

In total, 3.3 million people (58% of Wisconsinites) live in jurisdictions that have called for our amendment, and the referenda pass with an average approval of 81%. Nationwide over 830 communities and 20 states have called for an amendment to overturn Citizens United.

Starting in 2013, resolutions have been introduced into the state assembly and senate calling for a statewide vote on Citizens United:

2013 AJR 50
2013 SJR 68
2015 AJR 8
2015 SJR 12
2017 AJR 53
2017 SJR 54
2019 AJR 11
2019 SJR 9

Numerous national polls show that money in politics is a top issue in America. A vast majority of Wisconsinites agree and literally, every democrat in the state legislator supports a statewide vote on this. In private, a number of republican legislators agree as well. We have conducted citizen lobbying of state legislators consistently since 2013. But because the state is completely gerrymandered and wealthy donors control the campaign purse strings, the Wisconsin GOP leadership has total power and won't even allow a public hearing on the subject.

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