



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO RESTORE THE PEOPLE’S POWER TO LIMIT CORPORATE SPENDING IN ELECTIONS

Due to the dangerously overreaching Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission (FEC)*, federal, state, and local governments must now take the necessary steps to restore the authority of the American people to restrict the undue influence of corporations on our elections.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court’s January 21, 2010, decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC)* aggressively deviated from long-settled law limiting corporate spending in our elections; and

WHEREAS, the radical view of the First Amendment in *Citizens United* will now permit extraordinary corporate influence over our political processes by allowing unlimited independent spending from corporate general treasuries; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court’s decision has elevated free speech rights of a corporation to be equal to the free speech rights of a person; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court’s elevation of corporations in this case may have constitutional repercussions that go far beyond this one case; and

WHEREAS, the American people, through their federal, state, and local governments, should reclaim their constitutional right to protect the electoral process from corporate domination; and

WHEREAS, fair elections are fundamental to the security of a democracy; and

WHEREAS, we are a body of men and women of faith who believe in the values of justice and fairness committed to ministering “to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people,” and thus find it our responsibility to advocate the restoration authority and electoral power to the citizens of the United States of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the

_____ stand in agreement with African American Ministers In Action and believe that corporations should not have the same first amendment rights as people and urge our local and state legislatures to adopt and send to the United States Congress a resolution in support of amending the Constitution to restore the ability of the American people to limit corporate spending in our elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented for adoption at our various state, regional and national denominational gatherings and that an executed copy of this Resolution, inscribed with the leadership signature be presented to each member of Congress representing our district.

Dated this _____ of _____ A.D., 20____, at the (location)_____

Signed By: _____