

Sample Letter to your US Representative and Senators

[Date]

The Honorable (name of Representative or Senator)

House (or Senate) Office Building
Washington, DC 20515 (20510)

Dear (Representative or Senator) _____:

I write to you about an issue that is very important to me, namely the corrosive effects of the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision is having on our democratic system of government.

As a voter and a Unitarian Universalist, I uphold and affirm the use of the democratic process in our society. The right to vote and the right of protected speech belong exclusively to human beings. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with these Constitutional rights, and money is not speech. Therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

The *Citizens United* decision in 2010 has opened a flood gate of unregulated money into politics. Elections are now bought and politicians sold to the highest bidder to an alarming and unprecedented degree. According to the *New York Times*, as of October, 2015, a mere 158 families and the corporations they control have provided nearly half the money to candidates seeking the presidency of the United States. As a result, my vote is being marginalized, but I will continue to use my voice to say the Supreme Court's decision was wrong, corrupt and undemocratic.

I call on you to support true democracy by supporting the passage of an amendment to the US Constitution that will end the doctrine of corporate constitutional rights created by the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Your name)
(Your address)