

Hello Representative Tarr,

My name is Michael Patterson. I live in Anchorage and I'm a lifelong Alaskan. I am writing this letter in support of House Joint Resolution No. 11 (HJR11). I believe that the Supreme Court's Citizen United decision undermines the democratic process within the United States and Alaska. With civil rights under attack, economic inequality and climate change it is even more important to have all voices, perspectives and experiences represented and heard.

Citizens United prioritizes the concerns and the needs of the wealthy over the concerns and needs of working-class Alaskans. As an Iraq War Veteran who took an oath to defend the constitution, I whole-heartedly support HJR11 because I believe it is a step in the right direction to restore the democratic process and make it truly accessible to all.

Thank You,

Michael Patterson

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Joan Landis <jlandisrunner@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

My name is Joan LAndis and I have lived in Anchorage since 1969. Am a retired teacher of Anchorage Schools. Presently have the full time care of my husband who is disabled.

Citizens UNited was an affront to democracy laid out by the Supreme Court. Corporations are entities. They are not individuals. Employees of the corporations cannot speak out for fear of losing their jobs but we as citizens can. The corporations get the tax breaks and are sponsored by the wealthiest of the country.

This law needs to be overturned.

Respectfully yours, JOAn LAndis

Sent from Windows Mail

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Angelina Everlong <amc_rocks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Hello,

I'm a lifelong Alaskan (under 30) and a currently active, 7-year Teamster member in Anchorage.

I believe political candidates and also those up for reelection should be focused on being a public servant, rather than worrying about raising funds, simply to "win" the race. I would strongly encourage support for, and am writing today to be a documented supporter of HJR 11.

Thank you for your time,

-Angelina C. Stewart

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Chelsea Gulling <chelsea.gulling@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Hi--

Please log my support for HJR 11--its the right thing to do. Elections used to be fun...they aren't anymore.

I have been an Alaskan resident for 10 years. I live in Anchorage and work in Bethel most of the time now and work in violence prevention currently.

Thank you!

Chelsea Gulling

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Magdalena Oliveros

From: T. Frank Box <tfbox000@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: FW: "Support for HJR 11"

corrected email, Happy Easter!!

From: T. Frank Box <tfbox000@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 3:09 PM
To: 'Magdalena.Oliveros@akleg.gov' <Magdalena.Oliveros@akleg.gov>
Cc: 'anchorage@movetoamend.org' <anchorage@movetoamend.org>
Subject: "Support for HJR 11"

My name is Frank Box I've lived in Anchorage Alaska since February 7, 1959. So I basically grew up in and around Anchorage and it worked in Alaska all my life. As a youngster I went to college for welding and fabrication, then worked on the trans-Alaska pipeline and eventually became an oilfield maintenance/construction worker until 1999 when a recurring brain tumor forced me to leave that position.

I currently work for a nonprofit, Access Alaska Inc. as an Independent Living Advocate and the manager of the DME Department.

I support HJR 11 because I feel the net effect of giving entities considered to be corporate persons additional constitutional rights cheapens and dilutes the effective rights and powers of the living breathing constituents. I do not believe that shareholders and owners of corporations should have additional benefits outside of their citizenship, no one should be more than equal. Furthermore, I do not think it is fair to our elected leaders to have to spend up to this 30% of their time fundraising with these more attractive potential donors in order to get reelected and continue doing the people's work. With a level playing field doing the people's work should be enough to secure reelection.

We have been told not to worry that this would sort itself out but we have seen floods of outside money and lobbyist flowed into our state and communities to skew our democracy. Thanks to Representative Gerran Tarr for taking this on.

Respectfully Yours,
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Magdalena Oliveros

From: x <judithinalaska@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: HJR II

I wish to add my support for HJR 11. The unlimited financial support that is given to some candidates has caused the others to spend their time raising money instead of paying attention to the business of governing and to their less well endowed constituents. I have lived in Anchorage for twenty years and I vote.

Judith Stoll
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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Mark Parmelee <potterview@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 6:09 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: Rep. Jennifer Johnston; anchorage@movetoamend.org; Rep. Geran Tarr; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Support for HJR 11 - Regarding Citizen's United

Representative Geran Tarr,

I have been a South Anchorage resident since 1985. Now retired I have found the US Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case to be a huge problem for our Country. Corporate funding in a large way distorts elections because of their funding that is applied to sway elections. Individuals contributions to causes/individuals cannot compete with corporate funding.

HJR 11 is important to show Alaska understands the problem of corporate "personhood."

Respectfully yours,

Mark Parmelee
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Magdalena Oliveros

From: corcel <corcel1951@yahoo.es>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 6:41 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros; Beverly Churchill
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Hello Magdalena,

I am Donal Hennessey. I live in anchorage, Alaska. I have been here 67 years now. I work for Anchorage School District. I have always been against making corporations people,giving them abodyso thst shareholders can avoid debt I am for. Corporations should be limited, severely, onthe cash they canput into elections. The government belongs to each and every person, not an artificial entity. Expansion of rights and privileges for corporations is causing inequality and double-dipping on the part of corporate owners. Candidates have to spend up to 30% of their work time raising funds; time that should be used working on governing!

Respectfully Yours,

Donald Hennessey
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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

On Sunday, March 25, 2018, 4:59 PM, Beverly Churchill <beverlychurchill51@gmail.com> wrote:

Sorry I misspelled the name of Rep. Tarr's aide, so please see the correct spelling in the subject line above. And PLEASE get these in so the are there tomorrow for them to see!!

Thank You----

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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Anchorage Move to Amend <anchorage@movetoamend.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 9:24 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Fwd: Hearing for HJR 11

Dear Representatives,

I urge you to take up HJR 11, calling on Congress to Overturn Citizens United. This US Supreme Court decision was an ill-advised move that is sending ripples across the nation. Not only is it affecting national campaigns for president and congress, but it is being used to strike down all other campaign finance laws that have been passed by states. In fact, Alaska's laws are currently be challenged in court as I write this.

I am a 40+ year resident of Alaska, and the daughter of an Alaskan-born citizen, and granddaughter of men and women who helped build Alaska in the past 100 years. I believe that most Alaskans agree with me and Representative Tarr that this decision must be overturned to allow states to decide on their own laws relating to campaign financing. All artificial persons, those created by our very state laws including corporations, non-profits, and unions should not have constitutional rights, that are specifically "Inherent" and bestowed by the Creator! We the people are the creators of these corporations, and they already are bestowed special privileges through our laws that are not allowed for natural persons, such as protection from personal liability.

You have an obligation to give this bill a hearing for this issue affects our very democracy. Polls have shown time and again (most recently in Bloomberg News, over 80% of both citizens who call themselves "Republican" and "Democrat") that all Americans believe Citizens United was a bad decision. This should not be a partisan issue, and you should work to add Alaska to the 19 states who have already passed such a resolution.

Sincerely,

Beverly Churchill

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"There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so" ----Shakespeare

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Beverly Churchill <beverlychurchill51@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 9:25 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Fwd: Support for HJR 11

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From: Ruth Sheridan <ruth.sheridan@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 5:41 PM
Subject: Support for HJR 11
To: "MagdelinaOliveros@akleg.gov" <MagdelinaOliveros@akleg.gov>
Cc: "Office of Rep. Spohnholz" <rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov>

Thank you, Geran Tarr for sponsoring HJR 11 which calls for the legislature to support a Constitutional Amendment to overturn the Citizens United decision. There is far too much money spent on political campaigns and we need to curtail it. The time spent by politicians soliciting funds is outrageous and I dislike the idea that money is so crucial to winning an election.

HJR 11 would put us on the road to correct this.

I am a long time resident of Anchorage - some 40 years, and live at [4704 Kenai Ave.](#) And, I always vote!

Please help our country do the right thing. Let's work for that Constitutional amendment and for a fair and reasonable election process.

Ruth Sheridan
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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Joni Bruner <tammyaveak@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 11:51 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

My name is Joni Bruner. I live in Anchorage, Alaska. I have lived in Alaska for almost 13 years. I am currently an Activist, and have worked on Healthcare and other public issues. I am a non violent civil disobedient. I have worked as an event coordinator for my own business, and I have worked as a Health Unit Coordinator in Hospital settings for about 20 years.

I support HJR 11 because Corporations are not people. Corporations are double dipping and buying elections is not fair or equitable. It is time to make changes to our system that level the playing field. I believe in publicly funded elections. It is unfair to ask our elected officials to raise money, and expect them not to do favors based on the money given. Lets have public funds go towards elections, and give our elected officials time to do their jobs, rather than begging for money.

Respectfully Yours

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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Laura Oden <oden.laura@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 6:19 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Good morning.

My name is Laura Oden. I am a 24 year resident of Alaska mostly in Spenard. I have worked in Alaska Native healthcare for the past 12 years, in addition to been deeply involved in both local entrepreneurship and the local arts community.

Our current dire circumstances in the US are directly linked to the disastrous case of Citizens United. Our public institutions, our government functionality and my ability to have one vote for one person have been mauled by this Supreme Court decision.

I personally started a corporation for my current business. I hope I am successful, but there is no conceivable way that my corporation should be equal to my voice as a human being, as Laura Oden. My personal rights and my vote, as Laura Oden, have been assaulted by this Supreme Court decision. Congress needs to do the right thing and overturn this abomination.

Respectfully yours,
Laura Oden
3398 Outta Place
Anchorage, AK

Magdalena Oliveros

From: John Dickerson <jdickerson.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 7:50 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Fwd: Support for HJR 11

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From: John Dickerson <jdickerson.ak@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 7:27 AM
Subject: Support for HJR 11
To: Magdelina.Oliveros@akleg.gov, anchorage@movetoamend.org

Dear Rep. Tarr,

My name is John Dickerson. I am a 64 year old life-long Alaskan now residing in Chugiak. I work as an engineer and project manager for a small engineering consulting firm.

I support Bill HJR 11 for the elimination of Corporate Personhood in Alaska. As I understand it, "Corporate Personhood" is the legal fantasy underpinning an unfortunate line of Supreme Court decisions dating back to the 1800's. The result of this series of controversial court decisions has been to grant a wide array of civil liberties, not to human beings, but to corporations, an artificial and abstract legal entity. These very same civil liberties were originally granted only to citizens (actual persons) of the United States in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, documents in which the term "corporation" is never mentioned. These legal precedents culminated in the disastrous 2010 Citizens United decision, which expanded corporations' first amendment rights of freedom of speech while simultaneously equating free speech with spending unlimited amounts of shareholder money on political campaigns. What exactly is corporate personhood? To quote William Meyers, "Slavery is the legal fiction that a person is property. Corporate Personhood is the legal fiction that property is a person." I am certain of one thing...slavery to corporations will not be a fiction unless "Corporate Personhood" is overturned. I believe we need to return corporations to their rightful role as a servant to society, not its master. We need to remove the rights granted to them by rogue, activist court-based decisions and replace them with laws and regulations adopted by due process.

Respectfully Yours,
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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Lei B <lxb312@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 12:19 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Rep. Tarr,

My name is Lejla Berberovic and I'm a Clinical Social Worker(LCSW) who has been working and living in Alaska for the past 6 years, with no intention of moving out of state.

I want to express my support for HJR 11, because I think candidates should be governing rather than fundraising, since candidates have to spend up to 30% of their work time raising funds.

Respectfully Yours,
Lejla Berberovic, LCSW

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Sent from my iPhone

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Tim MacMillan <timmcmln@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

I am a retired accountant who has lived in Alaska since 1968 when my family moved to Kotzebue. I currently live in mid town Anchorage at 2286 Sorbus Way.

I support this bill. The money in politics because of Citizens United is hurting our democracy. I fear our legislators many times have to heed the voices of the few with money versus voices of ordinary people. And I think this is contributing to the growing inequality in our country. Linda MacMillan

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Scott Goldsmith <goldsmith.scott@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

I support this bill in the legislature to ask the federal government to overturn the US Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, thereby restoring free and fair elections in the United States.

The Citizens United decision has led to the rise of SuperPACS which are allowed to raise and spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns. This has supercharged the influence of the biggest corporations and wealthiest individuals in the political process and essentially disenfranchised ordinary citizens.

Oliver Goldsmith

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Retired 42 year Alaska resident

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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Yvonne Goldsmith <yvonne.goldsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

I support this bill in the legislature to ask the federal government to overturn the US Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, in order to restore free and fair elections in the United States.

The effective outcome of this Supreme Court decision is to enable wealthy individuals and their corporate brethren (who often act as proxies for the personal interests of the CEOs) to channel substantial sums of money towards political campaigns, giving them an unfair advantage over ordinary citizens. This is not reflective of a democratic system and goes against the spirit of the Constitution. In my opinion, the Supreme Court's ruling was based on a narrow interpretation of the Constitution and did not foresee the rise of SuperPACs. Citizens United encourages a system where votes are bought, not earned, and channels power to the monied class.

Yvonne Wu Goldsmith
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Retired, 42 year Alaska resident