

Move to Amend Anchorage

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Statement in Support of HJR 33 and SJR 13

We are a group of Alaska citizens who came together over one common concern: money flooding into our elections and influencing the results. Since the *Citizens United* Supreme Court decision, there has been an unprecedented increase in money spent, ads run, and negativity abounding. As there is nothing above the Supreme Court to reverse their decision except the U.S. Constitution, this is where we have turned.

Taking our cue from Move to Amend, which is an umbrella group supported by many different agencies, we held a rally on January 20 in front of the Alaska Federal Courthouse at 222 E. 7th Avenue. We have written letters to the editor and written to our representatives as individual citizens.

This issue cuts across all party lines, as it potentially affects every candidate running in an election, be it local, state or national. Much of the money spent cannot be traced, or at least not in time for the voter to know who was responsible for a particular attack ad before an election. Super-PACS are popping up faster than mushrooms. Whether the money has come from wealthy individuals, unions, corporations, or non-profits, we stand against having so much money influence our elections.

We applaud our representatives and senators for realizing what a threat this situation is to our democracy and we fully support HJR 33 and SJR 13.

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