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Governor Sean Parnell
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Dear Governor Parnell,

The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission was a political earthquake with aftershocks that could affect every Alaskan's perception of political candidates and issues, as well as election results.

Our House State Affairs Committee hearing on February 11, 2010 received excellent testimony from the Department of Law and APOC as well as our Legislative Legal Services. The hearing included committee discussion and concerns, as well as the role of the Executive Branch in this matter. Would you please tell us if your Executive Branch plans to draft legislation that addresses Alaska's response to the court decision? If so, our committee respectfully requests the following issues and concerns be addressed:

- Liability protection for libel and slander for corporations, in the execution of independent expenditures, so that it mirrors what it is for individuals
- Time period for disclosure of independent expenditures
- Disclosure on the true source of funds used for reported expenditures
- Tax deductibility of these potential expenditures under the prohibition for using the deductions under marketing
- Foreign nationals being part of the decision-making process when corporations make expenditures to support or oppose candidates or issues

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Time is of the essence. We have already entered the election season, and the legislature is scheduled for adjournment April 18, 2010.

Sincerely,

Representative Bob Lynn, Chair
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