

WHEREAS, this corporate misuse of the First Amendment and Constitution has reached a new extreme in the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*;

WHEREAS, *Citizen United v. Federal Election Commission* unleashes a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

WHEREAS, *Citizen United v. Federal Election Commission*, and all other potential torrents of money that dominate and undermine democratic elections, present serious and direct threats to the integrity of the electoral system in our republican democracy;

WHEREAS, the people of the states of the United States of America have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all by using the amendment process throughout our history, including in seven of the ten decades of the 20th Century, and including to reverse seven erroneous Supreme Court decisions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE PETITION THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE TO PASS RESOLUTION S 772 CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:

1. TO REVERSE *CITIZEN UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION*,
2. TO ASSERT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE'S WILL TO BE FOREVER ABOVE THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF MONEY THAT CURRENTLY LEVERAGES ACCESS AND INFLUENCE IN OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND
3. TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND FAIR ELECTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

By the People of SHUTESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS at the Annual Town Meeting, on 5th day of May, 2012.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend the wording of resolution #3 by deleting "...TO..." and adding in its place the phrase: "AS THE SINGULAR RIGHT OF" between "...ELECTIONS" and ...THE PEOPLE..."

The main motion, as amended, passed in the majority.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to dissolve the meeting at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Seal

Leslie Bracebridge
Shutesbury Town Clerk

A true copy. Attest: _____

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