A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
RULING IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
CONCERNING CORPORATE CAMPAIGN SPENDING AND REQUESTING
CONGRESS TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2010, the United States supreme
court, by a five to four decision in Citizens United v.
Federal Election Commission, overturned several important
provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, as
well as earlier supreme court decisions, and swept away a
century of tradition barring corporate spending in elections
in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States supreme court's ruling holds
that corporations are people with free speech rights under
the United States constitution and may engage in unlimited
corporate spending in elections; and

WHEREAS, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission
unleashes a torrent of corporate money into the political
process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in
United States history; and

WHEREAS, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission
purports to invalidate state laws and even state
constitutional provisions separating corporate money from

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elections; and

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* presents a serious and direct threat to republican democracy; and

WHEREAS, the decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* grants excessive power to corporate interests and unions and threatens to overwhelm the voices of individual citizens in the political process; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States constitution empowers and obligates the people and states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States supreme court that go to the heart of democracy and republican self-government; and

WHEREAS, the people and states of the United States of America have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all by using the amendment process throughout history, including in seven of the ten decades of the twentieth century, and through the amendment process have reversed seven erroneous supreme court decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it express strong opposition to the United States supreme court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and call upon the United States congress to propose and send to the states for ratification
an amendment to the United States constitution to restore
classic democracy to the people of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
delegation.