

# DEMOCRACY FOR ALL

*Fighting the reign of big money in our democracy and restoring power to the people*



**THE PROBLEM:** *The Supreme Court opened the floodgates for big, secret money to drown out the American people's voices in our elections.*

A series of Supreme Court decisions, most notably *Citizens United v. FEC*, struck down essential reforms meant to prevent corruption in our election system. These disastrous decisions shifted power away from the American people, to a small minority of wealthy individuals, special interests, and corporations.

Now, elections are dominated by record-breaking spending by Super PACs and unaccountable outside groups funded by corporations as well as a tiny, extraordinarily wealthy sliver of the population.

The Center for Responsive Politics estimates that each of the presidential election cycles since *Citizens United* broke spending records; \$6.3 billion in 2012 and \$6.9 billion in 2016. In 2018 we saw the most expensive midterms in history coming in at \$5.2 billion, a 35 percent increase.

## **THESE DISASTROUS SUPREME COURT DECISIONS:**

- Struck down state and federal campaign finance laws that placed limits on campaign contributions and expenditures.
- Left local governments, states, and Congress constitutionally prohibited from putting commonsense limits on raising & spending of money in elections.
- Recognized corporations as “people,” with the right to spend unlimited and often undisclosed money to influence our elections.

**THE SOLUTION:** *The Democracy for All Constitutional Amendment*

The Democracy for All Constitutional Amendment, led by Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) would overturn disastrous Supreme Court rulings like *Citizens United* that have allowed the wealthy, special interests, and corporations to dominate the election process.

## **THE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL AMENDMENT WOULD:**

- Restore the authority of local, state, and federal governments to limit money in politics and to ban corporate spending in elections.
- Make clear that money does **not** equal speech. And corporations are **not** people.
- Make it possible to end the dominance of big money and secret money in our elections.
- Help ensure the voices of all Americans count as much as those of the wealthy and powerful.

**The Democracy for All Constitutional Amendment is the remedy we need to empower us to end the unlimited flood of big, secret money that is drowning out the voices of the American people.**

## **SUPPORT FOR THIS AMENDMENT:**

- Millions of Americans have petitioned Congress and the states for this constitutional amendment.
- A bipartisan super-majority of Americans overwhelmingly support it.
- Dozens of organizations, representing tens of millions of individuals, have come together in support.
- Twenty states and more than 800 towns and cities have passed formal resolutions in favor.

