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The General Assembly of Maryland Considers Resolution Calling for a Constitutional Amendment to Overturn Citizens United and Guarantee Fair and Free Elections

Jeff Clements, President of American Promise, to testify in support of the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 4 and House Joint Resolution 6

Annapolis, MD – Jeff Clements, President of American Promise, a national cross-partisan non-profit organization dedicated to winning a 28th Amendment to overturn *Citizens United v. FEC* and set reasonable limits on election spending, to testify in support of the Amendment Constitution of the United States Proposed By Senate Joint Resolution 4 and House Joint Resolution 6 before the Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

To date, 18 states and over 740 cities and towns have passed 28th Amendment resolutions with cross-partisan support, including resolutions in several Maryland communities. In 2012, a majority of Maryland legislators called on Congress to pass a 28th Amendment.

In 2016, voters in both California and Washington State approved ballot measures in support of a 28th Amendment.

Senate [Joint Resolution 4](#) and House [Joint Resolution 6](#) calls for a limited Constitutional convention as soon as two thirds of several states have applied. The convention would be limited to the introduction of one or more Constitutional amendments: affirming every citizen's individual right to vote; reserving constitutional rights to natural persons; or authorizing the regulation of contributions and expenditures intended to influence elections.

While American Promise does not hold a position on whether a limited Constitutional Convention is necessary or prudent, a 28th Amendment is urgent.

In his [testimony](#), Jeff Clements states: “A 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution is urgent because we face a Constitutional crisis, not just a “campaign finance” problem. As former member of Congress and American Promise Advisory Council member James Leach (R-Iowa) has said, the Supreme Court’s decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* is pushing America toward “corporatism and oligarchy,” where money rather than people rule.”

[American Promise](#) is leading a National Citizen Uprising, a 50-state wave of action to prepare the nation – state by state - to win the 28th Amendment.