



END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.

MOVE TO AMEND

When birddogging a candidate or elected official you'll have a very short amount of time to get across your question in an effective way. It's a good idea to craft and practice your question(s) ahead of time, but feel free to read your question when you are called on. When you birddog, it's much more likely you'll succeed in getting your question asked if you're with a crew, so each of you should have a question prepared that varies based on your personal experience, but have a similar, clear ask.

Elements for an effective question:

- 1) *Begin by thanking the candidate and/or acknowledging something they've done well. For example:* Senator Sanders, thank you for your leadership on securing healthcare for all.
- 2) *Follow that by including a short personal story or statement of how it relates to you or how you relate to the good thing the candidate has done. For example:* I'm a single mother and I have a chronic illness and I do not get healthcare through my employer, so I know how important it is that we have accessible and affordable healthcare, including access to reproductive care.
- 3) *Then include a segway to talk about corporate power. For example:* As you might know, companies like Hobby Lobby and others who don't want to offer their employees reproductive health care, are protected over the rights and needs of their employees.
- 4) *Then add a quick educational line for the candidate and audience members. For example:* Hobby Lobby, as a company, is protected under the first amendment freedom of religion. This is because, as it stands now, corporations have all the same constitutional rights as human beings.
- 5) *Finish with a clear and direct ask. For example:* There is currently a bill in the House, HJR 48, to pass a constitutional amendment to end corporate constitutional rights and money as free speech. Senator Sanders, will you introduce a companion bill to HJR 48, in the Senate?

The most important part is that you include a clear and accurate ask of the candidate.

If you're birddogging a member of the House of Representatives or a candidate for the House, first make sure that they're not already a co-sponsor of the amendment. **If not, ask them if they'll co-sponsor House Joint Resolution 48.** If they're a Senator or candidate for the Senate, **ask them if they'll introduce a companion bill to HJR 48, the We The People Amendment, in the Senate.**

Building your question:

Thanks or acknowledgement

Short personal statement or reason for caring about the issue

Short segway to corporate power

Let the candidate/elected know about corporate constitutional rights and/or the We The People Amendment

Direct Ask
