WE THE PEOPLE
NOT THE CORPORATIONS

JOIN US

Move to Amend invites you to join the democratic struggle of our time: let’s form a government that truly derives its authority from the consent of the governed!

Here are six ways to join this movement:
1. Establish a Move to Amend group
2. Learn together about some long-ignored history of our country and the challenges of movement building
3. Educate your broader community about Move to Amend and make connections with other groups
4. Organize to pass a local resolution to eliminate Corporate Constitutional Rights and get big money out of politics
5. Seek petition signers to build a broader movement and stronger base of support
6. Pressure your elected representatives to Pledge to Amend and join our ranks

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www.MoveToAmend.org

WE THE PEOPLE AMENDMENT

Section 1. [Only Natural Persons Have Constitutional Rights]
The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.

Artificial entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law.

The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

Section 2. [Money is Not Free Speech]
Federal, State, and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate’s own contributions and expenditures, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have access to the political process, and that no person gains, as a result of their money, substantially more access or ability to influence in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

Federal, State, and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed.

The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.
WHY DO WE NEED TO BUILD A DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT?

The word democracy means “rule by the people.” When the U.S. Constitution was ratified, only land-owning white men -- about 6% of the population -- counted as “people.”

This minority defined all others as either property or non-persons. Women, Native peoples, African Americans, and propertyless white men were not included in “We the People” and had no rights under the law.

These classes of people had to organize and struggle over centuries to be recognized as persons with Constitutional rights.

Even today, many struggle to exercise those rights, receive the protections of the law, and join the ranks of the sovereign people.

Over the last 200 years, through court decision after court decision, people’s sovereignty has been transferred to corporations.

How can we have rule by the people when corporations have so many rights and powers under the Constitution?

WHY ABOLISH CORPORATE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?

The right to govern ourselves has been taken by a wealthy elite using the corporation as their tool to accumulate endless legal powers throughout this country’s history.

• Large corporations strike down local, state, and federal laws, taxes, and regulations created to protect towns, family farms, small businesses, workers, home owners, the environment, consumers, and the public.

• Corporations can avoid unannounced inspections by health, safety and environmental protection agencies.

• Wealthy corporations bankroll candidates and causes to get tax loopholes, subsidies, and other advantages over small businesses and individuals.

• Education, healthcare and energy systems benefit corporate bottom lines over public needs.

WE MOVE TO AMEND!

Move to Amend is building a people’s movement to amend the Constitution in ways that would defend democracy against corporate rule.

We have five organizing principles in our approach to movement building:

1. Anti-Oppression and Solidarity Organizing
2. Coalition and Movement Building
3. Grassroots Organizing
4. Dedication to Political Education
5. Political and Economic Independence

WE’re JUST GETTING STARTED...

• Hundreds of thousands of supporters across the United States
• A national community of local Move to Amend affiliate groups doing movement building work
• Our We the People Amendment introduced in Congress
• A Movement Education Program connecting members and creating a shared political understanding
• Widely diverse leadership across movements, ages, races, ethnicity and geography
• 600+ community resolutions passed calling for an amendment to the Constitution

GOAL

Move to Amend is committed to building a movement that revokes the illegitimate authority of corporate rule.

We seek the passage of a 28th Amendment to (1) end corporate constitutional rights (2) make clear that money is not speech.

To achieve this goal we need all of us -- a non-partisan, ethnically diverse, inter-generational, informed and resolute movement throughout the United States. A sustainable future can only be shaped through democratic struggle. This work is in the people’s hands. We invite you to join us!