

 **END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.**

MOVE TO AMEND

For the People Act [H.R.1]

So. Here's the deal on the *For the People Act (H.R.1)*: H.R.1 is a package of democracy reforms recently passed in the U.S. House Representatives. A companion bill, S.1, was formally introduced into the U.S. Senate on March 17.

Highlights of the bill include:

- Expands and improves voter access
- Promotes voter integrity (e.g., restore Voting Rights Act, DC statehood, end voter purges, end gerrymandering)
- Ensures election security
- Disclosure of dark money political contributions
- Voluntary public financing of elections based on small individual donations -- funded by a surcharge on corporate lawbreakers and wealthy tax cheats
- Strengthen oversight of campaign finance laws
- Strengthen ethics laws and impose greater ethics enforcement

Reformist legislation like H.R.1 / S.1 is needed and long overdue because it protects and expands voting access and mitigates corruption in the short term.

But the Act has problems. Certain campaign funding provisions disadvantage small, minority political parties and should be amended or delayed and revisited.

[Despite this, the For the People Act deserves your support. Contact your Senators here and ask them to become co-sponsors yet address the minority party funding issues.](#)

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HOWEVER...it's still playing defense. **The *For the People Act* does NOTHING to end corporate constitutional rights because it is a statute. Only a constitutional amendment (like our [We the People Amendment](#)) can abolish corporate constitutional rights so that the Supreme Court cannot reinstate them. That is why it's critical that we continue to push hard for HJR48, the WeThePeopleAmendment, to have genuine DEMOCRATIC POWER FOR THE PEOPLE.**

√ Democratic power “for the people” to force the labeling of dangerous ingredients in foods is impossible so long as corporations have First Amendment rights “not to speak”

√ Democratic power “for the people” to conduct surprise inspections to protect workers, consumers and the environment is impossible so long as corporations have Fourth Amendment search and seizure rights.

√ Democratic power “for the people” to ensure a livable world by mandating fossil fuel corporations to keep coal, oil and gas from being mined, drilled and fracked is impossible so long as corporations have Fifth Amendment “takings” rights

Democracy *for the people* only goes so far without the power *of the people* to control their/our own legal creations -- corporate entities.

Even if the For the People Act passed, there’s no way to protect it from being gutted by our corporation-friendly Supreme Court. Comprehensive democracy that benefits people, communities and the planet MUST include amending the U.S. Constitution to include the We the People Amendment.

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