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**MONTANA VOTERS WANT A 28<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO SET LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN SPENDING, CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION SHOULD FOLLOW THEIR LEAD**

***Former Montana Supreme Court Justice James Nelson, Former Montana Lt. Governor John Bohlinger (R), Bozeman City Commissioner Jeff Krauss, and others issue public letter urging candidates to support a 28th Amendment***

**MONTANA** – In 2012, 75 percent of Montana voters approved [Initiative 166](#), instructing Montana’s congressional delegation to work to pass a 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to set reasonable limits on election spending. The Initiative passed in all 56 counties, and was upheld by the Montana Supreme Court when challenged.

With a special Congressional election set for May 25, 2017 to fill the vacated seat of Ryan Zinke, newly appointed Secretary of the Interior, Montana voters urge candidates to support the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Led by former Montana Supreme Court Justice and member of the American Promise Advisory Council, James Nelson, a cross-partisan group of Montanans issued a [public letter](#) addressing all potential candidates – regardless of their political affiliation – urging them to support a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Justice Nelson was joined by Former Montana Lt. Governor John Bohlinger (R), Bozeman City Commissioner Jeff Krauss, Evan Barrett, former economic development executive, and C.B. Pearson from Stand with Montanans.

The letter states: “our next Representative can and must stand with the people of Montana in support of a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution – an Amendment that would insure that people -- not money, not corporations, not special interests --- but the people govern here in Montana and across the nation.”

The 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment would overturn Supreme Court rulings such as *American Tradition Partnership v. Bullock*, the ruling that struck down Montana’s ban on direct corporate contributions to political parties and candidates.

Since Montana voters passed I-166 in 2012, 18 states and over 740 cities and towns have passed 28th Amendment resolutions with cross-partisan support. In November 2016, Washington State became the 18th State to call for the 28th Amendment.

American Promise, a national cross-partisan non-profit organization is leading a National Citizen Uprising, a 50-state wave of action to prepare the nation – state by state - to win the 28th Amendment.

“We need a Constitutional amendment because the Supreme Court, in cases such as *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, has made a series of dangerously wrong decisions that make effective reform virtually impossible without a Constitutional amendment” says Former Senator Alan Simpson (R-WY), member of American Promise’s Advisory Council.

“Every generation of Americans has needed to use the Constitutional amendment process to renew the American Promise. Now it’s our turn,” says Jeff Clements, the President and co-founder of American Promise.

“Montanans need a Constitutional amendment so we can keep our elections free of corruption,” said C.B. Pearson Treasurer for Stand with Montanans. “Our elections are under assault, and our next representative should put some good old Montana muscle behind the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment.”

Governor Steve Bullock set the special election for May 25, 2017. The Montana Democratic Party will select its candidate at a nominating convention on Sunday, March 5, 2017. The Montana Republican Party will select its candidate on Monday, March 6, 2017.

To read full letter, click [here](#).

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