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A Special Montana Presentation:

Building the Base to Overturn “Citizens United”:
How We Pass the 28th Amendment to the US Constitution.

June 23rd 7:00 to 8:30pm – Missoula – University of Montana
Law School Room 101

Background

The role of money in politics is dominating the national debate. Here in Montana we understand better than most the role of corporate money in politics given the history of our state. We Montanans have continually acted to address the problem of big money implementing a number of policies that address PACs, large contributions and so-called Dark Money. We understand that fair elections are not a partisan issue, as proven by the overwhelming support from voters. Montanans of all stripes – independents, Libertarians, Republicans and Democrats - want fair elections, free of the corrupting influence of big money and campaign money from corporations. In 2012, Montana voters strongly endorsed I-166, the Prohibition on Corporate Contributions and Expenditures in Montana Elections Act, by a three-to-one margin. The measure also received majority support from the voters in each of Montana’s 56 counties. With the I-166 vote, 75% of Montana’s voters called for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution clarifying that:

- The rights under the United States Constitution are the rights of human beings, not corporations; that
- Money is property, not speech; and that,

- There should be a level playing field in campaign spending that allows all individuals, regardless of wealth, to express their views to one another and their government.

Special Speakers for This Presentation:

Retired Montana Supreme Court Justice James C. Nelson – Board member of Free Speech for People and member of the National Advisory Board for American Promise. Justice Nelson was appointed to Montana's Supreme Court in 1993 by Governor Marc Racicot, then elected in 1994, 1996 and 2004, and retired after 19 years in 2012. Since retirement, he has been a recipient of the Montana Trial Lawyers Public Service Award, 2013; the Montana American Civil Liberties Janette Rankin Award, 2013; and the American Bar Association Stonewall Award, 2014.

Jeff Clements is president of [American Promise](#) and co-founder of [Free Speech for People](#). He works with Americans all over the country for a 28th Amendment to secure the American Promise: Constitutional rights for all human beings; voting rights and representation as equal citizens; and our responsibility for effective self-government. He is the author of [Corporations Are Not People: Reclaiming Democracy From Big Money And Global Corporations](#), and his articles and opinion pieces have appeared widely (US News & World Report, The Hill, The Boston Globe, Fox News, American Constitution Society, Salon, among others).

Montana Host Committee:

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