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[Insert Greeting And Name],

As you may know Proposition 59, *The Overturn Citizens United Act* will be on the California ballot on November 8th. Prop 59 is a voter instruction measure asking California voters if they shall instruct their elected representatives to "use all of their constitutional authority" to ratify an amendment to the US Constitution to allow for the "full regulation or limitation of campaign contributions and spending" and "to make clear that corporations should not have the same constitutional rights as human beings."

This form of direct democracy is enshrined in the California Constitution Article 1 section 3(a) which says the "people have the right to instruct" their representatives. We do not use it often, in fact, we have only used it one other time to call for a constitutional amendment. In 1892 Californian voters instructed their representatives to amend the constitution to provide for the direct election of United States Senators and end the corrupt process where senators were appointed by rich and powerful special interests (robber barons). This resonated across the land and ultimately led to the 17th Amendment. We believe we are at a similar juncture today.

We are reaching out to all candidates seeking to represent Californians to ask if they will sign a pledge promising to abide by the instruction of their constituents as expressed by the outcome of the vote on Prop 59. Your signature would be a powerful statement of your commitment to our democracy.

This means that if the voters in your district approve Prop 59 and if you are elected to represent them, you pledge to use all of your constitutional authority to follow the instruction of your constituents as expressed by their vote on Prop 59, *The Overturn Citizens United Act*.

I have attached a copy of the pledge and as a constituent in your district I am looking forward to hearing back from you or your representative.

Thank you,

[Insert Your Name
And Contact Information]