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February 28, 2011

To: **Members of the House of Representatives**

From: **Representative Bill Kortz** 

Re: **Resolution Urging Congress to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
Declaring that Corporations are NOT Persons Under the Laws of the United
States**

MEMORANDUM

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation urging the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment declaring that corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States of America or any of its jurisdictional subdivisions.

When the United States Supreme Court declared that corporations should be considered equal to living, breathing human beings for purposes of influencing those seeking elected office in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 130 S.Ct.876 (2010), it did so against well-established precedent. To the detriment of the American voter, this new standard allows for deep corporate pockets to determine the dialogue associated with our political process.

Thus, I ask you to join me in urging the United States Congress to place the power of determining the course of our elective process back to where it rightly rests, with the people, by proposing a constitutional amendment declaring that corporations are not persons under the laws of this great country. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Stephanie Jackson in my Harrisburg office at (717) 787-8175 or via email at sjackson@pahouse.net.