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Dear Ms. Dunne,

I hereby submit testimony in favor of H.J.R. 3.

As a Connecticut voter and a concerned U.S. citizen, I believe the Citizens United decision is one of the greatest threats to democracy that has happened in my lifetime. Corporations are not natural persons and should not be accorded the constitutional rights that are accorded to human beings. Money is not speech; it should be able to be regulated more strictly than speech can be regulated under the first amendment.

Citizens United and related court decisions have done terrible damage to our electoral process by making candidates dependent on huge donations from anonymous donors. As long as Citizens United is not overturned, nobody can hope to run for office who isn't either a multimillionaire or beholden to moneyed special interests.

We need to return to the principle of one citizen – one vote. The resolution to overturn Citizens United will help us move in the right direction.

Sincerely,

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