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Monday March 2, 2015

Testimony of James G. Mason in Support of:

HJ 64 RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION TO OVERTURN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Convening: GAE Committee Public Hearing  
Monday March 2, 1pm. Room 2A

Chairman Jutila, Chairman Cassano, Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, for the record my name is James G. Mason of Deep River, CT and I testify in support of HJ 64 RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION TO OVERTURN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION.

Dear esteemed members,

I am not at this time affiliated with any organization or political action committee, involved in attempting to push this measure forward, because I am one citizen who is supposed to have one vote. That vote is supposed to be equivalent in power to any other citizens' vote and that is *no longer the case in our nation and in this State*. That condition has worsened under the SCOTUS ruling known as "Citizens United v. F.E.C. because my vote is now *too weak* to be representative of me and my communities' needs.

I have lost confidence in my vote and that lost confidence is being felt by every voting aged citizen. Because of this I see the state of the vote in the United States as in crisis.

HJ 64 contains a method for the ability to of the citizens of Connecticut to each have a valuable singular vote again and reverse the crisis condition.

If my community and my State can choose, beginning with this representative body and the affirmation of HJ 64, to be the first State in this nation to unify and attack this new and dangerous relationship to the best tool of freedom and equality - the process of democracy, then *we may all have confidence again* in the democratic process.

We can once again we can proudly put on our license plates: "The Constitution State," and that motto will have new meaning and be newly known to the rest of the nation and can bring Connecticut and the United States voting confidence if a constitutional convention can convene.

Please allow the citizens of Connecticut an opportunity under an article 5 constitutional convention to address this new and destructive assumption that money is free speech. Because this citizen doesn't have any money and so I have less than one vote for one person and so I lack equivalent free speech.

You can begin to correct this.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you for your careful consideration of HJ-64.

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