

Testimony of Ben Martin 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

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 Ben Martin of Wallingford, CT and I am here to 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.

As a citizen concerned about climate change, pollution and the degradation of our ecosystem I have advocated for policies to improve the safety of our air, water and land. Polluting industries like coal power plants, oil drilling companies and refining industries oppose these policies because it would cut into their profits. In our current political system these companies can spend untold amounts of money to drown out my voice and the voices of other activists so they can keep polluting and endangering our lives and preserve their profits. The only solution is to amend to constitution to remove money from politics and make the government answerable to it citizens again. I would like to see Connecticut, a place I'm proud to call home, be a leader in the fight to restore our republic. Vermont, California, Illinois, and New Jersey have already passed similar resolutions and now is the time for our state to join the fight to make the voice of the people to be heard.