

Testimony of Kathryn Bessen-Johnson 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 Kathryn Bessen-Johnson of New Haven, 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.

I am here today not just as a citizen of Connecticut, but as a citizen of these United States.

It's no secret that the influence of private money has infected the political process at the national level. The vast majority of Americans no longer trust Congress to attend to their needs, and far too many of us believe that free and fair elections no longer exist.

An amendments convention of the states called for by the states' legislatures will create the arena for us to draft a Free and Fair Elections amendment without any interference from the diseased body we are trying to heal. We don't know yet what the amendment will look like. That's for our future delegates to decide. But passing HJ 64 is the first step in developing the cure for Congressional corruption.

There is a Wolf PAC chapter in every single state comprised of volunteers, average citizens of various political leanings who believe that democracy still exists in this country. In three and a half years, we've passed this resolution in four states, and we're making headway in fifteen more, including the rest of New England. It's time for us to join Vermont, California, Illinois, and New Jersey, in calling for an Article V convention to overturn Citizens United and restore free and fair elections to this nation. I urge you to pass HJ 64.