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**S.F. No. 384 – Resolution Requesting Congress to Overturn *Citizens United v. FEC***

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**S.F. 384** is a resolution requesting that Congress propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that includes the following: 1) Constitutional rights apply to natural persons; 2) an entity does not have Constitutional rights separate from the people of that entity and the entity is subject to regulation by federal, state, and local laws; 3) federal, state, and local governments must regulate contributions and expenditures to ensure all citizens have access to the political process; and 4) federal, state, and local governments must require that contributions and expenditures are publicly disclosed. This proposed amendment would have the effect of overturning *Citizens United v. FEC*.

**Background.** The U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling *Citizens United v. FEC* addressed a variety of campaign finance issues as they related to corporate spending in elections. Among the several holdings, the Court held that the First Amendment bars the government from prohibiting corporations from spending money on independent expenditures. The case was decided in 2010. The full opinion is available here: [https://www.fec.gov/resources/legal-resources/litigation/cu\\_sc08\\_opinion.pdf](https://www.fec.gov/resources/legal-resources/litigation/cu_sc08_opinion.pdf).