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ON TODAY'S UNITED STATES SENATE FLOOR DEBATE ON  
THE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL AMENDMENT**

Today, the United States Senate will start an historic debate on the Senate floor on the [Democracy For All Amendment \(S.J. Res. 19\)](#), which would allow for overall campaign spending limits and would end the big money dominance of our elections. More than 50 US Senators are already on record in support of the amendment.

The start of this Senate floor debate marks a huge milestone for the growing grassroots movement for the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Across the political spectrum, Americans want a constitutional amendment which will reclaim our democracy. In just four years since the US Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. FEC*, millions of citizens across the country have propelled this movement to overturn the Supreme Court and to defend our Republic. Sixteen states have already gone on record calling for such an amendment, including the states of Montana and Colorado where 75% of the voters in the 2012 election supported ballot initiatives demanding an amendment. More than 550 cities and towns are also already on record, as are [more than 100 Republican officials](#) who have voted for legislative resolutions urging the US Congress to pass an amendment bill and send it to the states for ratification.

The pressing question before the nation today is whether it is 'we the people' or 'we the corporations and big money interests.' This not a Democratic issue or a Republican issue. This is a deeply American issue. Whatever our political differences may be, we all share the common vision of government of, by, and for the people.

We have amended the US Constitution before in our nation's history. Twenty-seven times before. Seven of those times to overturn egregious Supreme Court rulings. For the promise of American democracy, we can and we will do it again.