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## NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE VOTES IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RECLAIM OUR DEMOCRACY

## STATEMENT OF JOHN BONIFAZ CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF FREE SPEECH FOR PEOPLE

The New Hampshire Senate today voted unanimously to pass a bill calling for a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution to overturn the Supreme Court's *Citizens United v. FEC* ruling and to reclaim our democracy. This vote marks a major victory for the growing grassroots movement to defend our Republic. We applaud the New Hampshire Senate on this vote, and we urge the New Hampshire House of Representatives to pass this bill as well and to make New Hampshire the 17<sup>th</sup> state calling for this constitutional amendment.

This bipartisan victory today proves once again the power of this call for a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment. 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.

This victory also demonstrates that a sustained people-powered movement can win. New Hampshire citizens from throughout the state have repeatedly called on their legislators to take this action. They have rallied. They have marched. They have traveled to their state capitol to stand up and be heard. And, today, the people were heard. When the history of the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment is written, it will include the story of New Hampshire citizens demanding their democracy back.