

# Free Speech For People

## Defending Our Democracy



### Taking Back Our Democracy for We, The People

As Free Speech For People (FSFP) celebrated our fifteen-year organizational anniversary in January 2025, one thing was clear: *our work to defend the Constitution and protect our democracy has never been more critical.*

Throughout our organizational history, we have advanced critical reforms and have led key election protection cases in challenging political moments, unafraid to confront those who seek to subvert our democracy for private gain. In 2025, we continued our bold legal advocacy and campaign organizing work, securing major victories for our democracy.

These victories include winning the first case challenging the use of AI to deceive and intimidate voters; advancing cases to overturn discriminatory provisions of voter suppression laws; advancing new legislation to abolish super PACs and end foreign-influenced corporate spending in US elections; launching a new campaign to Impeach Trump Again, generating over one million petition signatures from people across the country; and much more.

With your critical support, we will continue our leadership work to defend democracy in 2026 and beyond. Thank you for standing with us.

#### FREE SPEECH FOR PEOPLE'S MISSION TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY

**Protecting the Right to Vote and Our Elections**

**Challenging Big Money in Politics**

**Fighting Corporate Abuse of Power**

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# Protecting the Right to Vote and Our Elections

## Victory for Voters in New Hampshire AI Voter Intimidation Case

A federal district court in New Hampshire ruled in favor of FSFP's case challenging the use of artificial intelligence to intimidate voters - the first case of its kind in the country. The ruling came in response to our lawsuit filed in March 2024 following robocalls made to voters featuring a deepfake of President Joe Biden's voice urging people not to vote in the 2024 New Hampshire presidential primary.

The plaintiffs, the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire (LWVNH), the League of Women Voters (LWV), and three individual voters, represented by FSFP, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, and Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, Chartered, LLP, sought a default judgment against defendant Steve Kramer, who orchestrated and paid for the dissemination of the robocalls. The judgment from the court permanently blocks Kramer from orchestrating similarly deceptive and intimidating robocall campaigns in any US election.

The ruling follows a prior victory in this case in which the corporate defendants agreed to refrain from intimidating voters in connection with US elections and will implement a compliance plan to prevent the transmission of such messages in the future.



## Challenging Voter Suppression Laws in Arizona and Texas

FSFP is advancing federal lawsuits challenging laws in Arizona and Texas designed to suppress the votes of underrepresented communities, prompting several discriminatory provisions of the laws to be overturned by the courts, including striking down a law that criminalized canvassing by voter education organizations across Texas; laws that prevent voters requiring assistance

from receiving help from assisters they choose; and laws that impose discriminatory burdens due to new documentation requirements.

## Challenging Illegal Voter Intimidation in Colorado

FSFP filed a federal lawsuit in Colorado against an extremist organization that conducted an illegal door-to-door voter intimidation campaign, in some cases while armed, and the US Department of Justice submitted an amicus brief last year supporting our arguments. Following trial in July 2024, the district court ruled in favor of the defendants, making clear legal errors. We filed an appellate brief challenging the district court's ruling and we are awaiting a decision by the federal appeals court.

**The NAACP values Free Speech For People's bold legal actions, grassroots organizing efforts, and public education work to protect the right to vote and our elections and to fight for the rights of communities that have been historically underrepresented in our democracy. Free Speech For People is a steadfast partner to the NAACP, as we work to advance political equality for all."**

Janette McCarthy Wallace | General Counsel, NAACP

# Challenging Big Money in Politics

## Ending Foreign-Corporate Influence in US Elections

FSFP is advancing innovative legislation to end foreign-influenced corporate spending in our elections. Our legislation addresses some of the worst abuses of the *Citizens United* decision, reducing the flood of corporate money in politics and helping to reclaim our democracy for everyday people. This bold reform is now in effect as law in the cities of San Jose, California; Seattle, Washington; and Portland, Maine.

In 2025, our legislation advanced in Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania.

## The Free and Fair Elections Amendment

Since our founding in January 2010, FSFP has helped to lead the movement calling for a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* and reclaim our democracy. In September 2025, Congressman Jim McGovern reintroduced the Free and Fair Elections Amendment, drafted by FSFP, to end the big-money dominance of our political process.

## Holding Big Tech Accountable

FSFP has developed a model federal bill, the Big Tech Accountability Act, designed to hold social media companies accountable when they engage in targeted amplification of disinformation and threats of violence on their platforms, placing profits over people and our democracy. FSFP is now contacting key allies and lawmakers to build support for the bill.

## Abolishing Super PACs

FSFP works to abolish super PACs in our elections by bringing legal challenges before the courts and by advancing legislation in the states and in Congress. In 2024, we were proud to support a citizen initiative to abolish super PAC spending in Maine elections.

The ballot measure, passed by 74% of the Maine electorate in November 2024, has been challenged by two super PACs. In July 2025, a federal district court issued an injunction blocking the law. This case is now pending before the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit where that federal appeals court, for the first time, has the opportunity to review the past fifteen years of history demonstrating the corrupting influence of unlimited contributions to super PACs. FSFP and local counsel Peter J. Brann submitted before the First Circuit an amicus brief on behalf of Mainers for Working Families in defense of the law.

Further, we advanced this campaign following the introduction of a new bill, the Abolish Super PACs Act, by Congresswoman Summer Lee, Congressman Ro Khanna, and additional Members of Congress. FSFP was honored to work with Congresswoman Lee's office in drafting this bill. The Abolish Super PACs Act is endorsed by over twenty national allied organizations.

**"Free Speech For People is an inspiration. They are always right, and always long before others understand. Turn here first, and you'll see where everyone will soon be."**

Lawrence Lessig | Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership, Harvard Law School

# Confronting Corruption at the Highest Levels of Government

## New Campaigns to Challenge Abuses of Power

On January 20, 2025, FSFP launched Impeach Trump Again, a new non-partisan campaign which has documented more than twenty-five grounds for impeachment against President Trump. In June 2025, our campaign reached an important milestone with 79 Members of Congress voting to advance an Article of Impeachment introduced by Congressman Al Green. More than **one million** people across the country have joined our campaign demanding that Congress take action.



In September 2025, FSFP launched "Impeach Kennedy Now," a campaign urging Congress to begin impeachment proceedings against Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., for his abuses of power that are decimating the U.S. public health system. Further, with this effort, we are calling for impeachment proceedings against other key senior officials in the Trump administration who have also committed abuses of power.

## Holding Trump Accountable to State Criminal Laws

FSFP has issued detailed letters to state and local prosecutors in California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, urging them to launch criminal investigations into President Trump's extortion of nearly \$1 billion in legal services from at least nine law firms. Further, FSFP has issued similar letters to state and local prosecutors in California and New York, urging them to initiate criminal investigations into Trump's scheme to obtain millions of dollars from Paramount Global and Skydance Media and to force changes to the content of Paramount subsidiary CBS Broadcasting.

In April 2025, FSFP joined Somerville for Palestine to launch a joint petition calling on Massachusetts state authorities to launch a criminal investigation into the kidnapping of Rümeysa Öztürk, whom federal immigration officials unlawfully detained in March 2025 because of her public support for Palestine. In September 2025, FSFP and Progressive Maryland called on state authorities to open a criminal investigation into the unlawful kidnapping of Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia by federal immigration officers.

## FSFP Joins Movement to Abolish ICE

FSFP announced its endorsement of the abolition of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and called for the end of immigration imprisonment. ICE has become a weapon in Trump's arsenal, used to harshly punish thousands of people for existing in this country, for speaking against Trump's policies, and for living in communities that oppose Trump's policies. FSFP filed a letter urging Illinois state and local prosecutors to open criminal investigations into the unlawful actions of federal agents operating in Illinois under the Trump administration's so-called "Operation Midway Blitz." Further, FSFP issued letters calling on state and local prosecutors in California to investigate the illegal kidnapping and detention of US residents by federal agents under the guise of immigration enforcement.

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## Thank you for fighting for our democracy!

With your support, Free Speech For People's dedicated team of legal and organizing experts are meeting the challenges facing our democracy and building further our track record of success and catalyzing leadership, as we fight to defend our democracy for we, the people.

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