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Who is responsible for this proposal (can be a collection of people, a person, a social justice team or a congregation.) ?	Bob and Rachel Ozretich, Karen Joshephson, Bart Bolger, Peter Stoel
What is the Issue?	<p>The effects of money on our elected officials and elections, and that government-permitted entities such as for-profit and not-for profit corporations and unions have many of the Constitutional rights that are inherent to human beings. In past decisions, the Supreme Court of the US has equated money and speech and that restricting money spent in elections is a violation of the First Amendment. In decisions following its determination that corporations had the 14th Amendment right to equal protection in 1886, the Court has "found" corporations in other amendments such as the 1st (speech can't be limited and can practice religion). Following these rulings states can not distinguish between small and large corporations and people in making law and that corporations can ignore regulations that would control what is said or not said in their advertising. Through their 4th Amendment rights, appropriate inspections of corporations jeopardize the the health of the public and the the health and safety of the companies' employees. Because these two concepts are the "law of the land", i.e., Supreme Court decisions the only way to permanently overturn them is to amend the US Constitution saying, in essence, corporations are not persons and money is not speech.</p>
Why do you want to work on this issue?	We believe that these two issues are at the root of so many of the social and environmental justice struggles of the day and the past, almost, two centuries.
How is this issue grounded in Unitarian Universalist values? (See Grounding)	We see these two issues as a subversion of our country's democratic processes, violating our 5th principle. The consequences of this subversion have wreaked havoc on communities through the unnecessary diversion of needed money from social programs and the despoiling of some of these same communities through their "sacrifice" by siting of polluting industries within or near their communities This results in violating our 2nd principle resulting, a society that is not just or compassionate and treats it people

unequally. Finally, much of the environmental degradation of our world in violation of our 7th principle has resulted from our inability to control the influence of money on our officials and the free-hand that corporations have in externalizing the consequences of producing their products.

Who are potential partners? (See Allies)

The natural allies are myriad including environmentalists, healthcare advocates, folks working for worker rights, and small businesses.

Does this have an Oregon focus and Oregon UU interest and support? (See Fit)

Because these two issues have ramifications in so many areas it can have a state, local and national focus. In the state recent legislative sessions have tried to permit a vote to amend the state constitution to allow legislators to limit campaign contributions, force our federal legislators pass an amendment with these two pillars by calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention. It is anticipated that the 2017 session will have bills that try to inadequately address campaign financing and would need clarifying information provided by ORUUvfj members during committee hearings, and through lobbying legislators.

Many members of Oregon affiliates or supporters of Move to Amend, for whom passing this amendment is their sole nation-wide focus, are Unitarian Universalists. They are congregants in Bend, Portland, Salem, Corvallis, and Eugene.

What Campaign is this a part?

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What makes this an issue to work on NOW? (Opportunity)

Correcting campaign financing and the influence of the wealthy has been a topic of the extended campaign primaries; the vow of the Democratic and Green party nominees. The high profile of these topics makes the public and elected officials more familiar with the issues and, thus, more open for further education and persuasion.