Voters' Rights and Representatives Amendment

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itizens of the United States:

We do *not* have a Constitutional right to vote. In addition, We the People, the 99%, are without real representation in Congress: Only money is represented in Congress. If we are to finally create any semblance of a true *representative republic*, we must take direct action now while our nation's energized hearts and voices are focused on our united need for changes in our system of government.

Our most pressing need for change is that our access to the voting booth is determined, not by our Constitution and our Federal authorities, but by more than 13,000 different local government bureaucracies with the power to impose a variety of voter qualifications. We must see this obstacle for what it truly is: The main frontal assault on our People's inalienable right to vote and our potential to participate in a representative republic.

OccupyThisHope.org is dedicated to the proposal and dialog of a Constitutional amendment to secure our Constitutional right to vote, and to secure our Constitutional right of representation in Congress, a representation that is not determined by money, but instead is determined by the values of the People and the candidate's potential to understand, communicate, and steadfastly represent their constituent members of the People, the 99%.

Every year, it becomes more evident that the single issue which unites more U.S. citizens than any other issue is the ever increasing decline in our approval of the manner in which our Congress claims to represent us. Regardless of our political preferences and beliefs, this single need to secure, once and for all, our People's representation in Congress has more potential today than at any other time in our history.

For more information about this proposed amendment, please read the basic proposal on the back of this page, and visit OccupyThisHope.org for more detailed information and analysis about this proposal.

Proposal for the 28th Constitutional Amendment

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- 1) The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged for any reason, except as defined in Amendment XXVI, requiring citizens to be eighteen years of age or older.
- 2) All donations to individuals or organizations intended to support the Federal election of Representatives and Senators to the United States Congress are *prohibited*. Federal elections to Congress are to be financed only by a public government fund and distributed equally to each candidate, the amount of said funding to be based upon the number of citizens in the respective district or state which said candidate seeks to represent. This fund is to be established and distributed from taxes and other funds as determined by Congress.
- 3) A potential candidate who obtains valid signatures of 5% of the citizens of the Congressional district as a candidate for the House of Representatives, or 5% of the citizens of the state as a candidate for the U.S. Senate, in which the potential candidate legally resides, will establish the necessary requirement of official recognition to seek such applicable office, and will receive public campaign funding from the fund established by Congress upon said candidate's application to seek such office. In addition, each officially accepted candidate will have her or his current employment made available to them to return to, either after the campaign if they lose the election, or after their term of office. This requirement will be limited to those businesses and further conditions as determined by Congress.
- 4) All candidates for Congressional office are limited to two consecutive terms, regardless of the particular office held. Qualified candidates are legally eligible to serve in any Congressional office, but only for two consecutive terms at a time, regardless of the specific office elected to. Thus, each person having served two consecutive terms is prohibited from elected Congressional office for a minimum of two years.

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