

A Conversation about Meaningful Steps toward

Campaign Finance Reform

The U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Citizens United case essentially granted the right to unchecked political spending by corporations, unions, special interest groups and wealthy individuals. In many ways, the result is silencing the voices of citizens in the electoral process. According to recent data from Pew Research, there is widespread – and bipartisan – agreement that people who make large political donations should not have more political influence than others. Furthermore, dark money from unknown sources may further impact the integrity of the democratic process by driving a partisan wedge between groups of citizens.

This conversational program will discuss the current problems that are causing issues for both political parties and eroding citizen confidence in our political process. And the discussion will include practical steps toward solutions...including the approval of a 28th Amendment to the Constitution

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This one-hour virtual webinar will be offered at 12pm (central) on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

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