

1 **Support Constitutional Amendment to Overturn Citizens United Decision by U.S. Supreme**  
2 **Court**

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4       Whereas, the United States Supreme Court declared in Citizens United that corporations  
5 are persons and that corporations cannot be limited in political giving, by a 5-4 vote; and

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7       Whereas, the minority members of the Supreme Court strongly objected; and

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9       Whereas, Supreme Court Justice Stevens, in January 2010, wrote:

10       "Corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires.  
11       Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and  
12       their 'personhood' often serves as a useful legal fiction. But they are not themselves  
13       members of "We the People" by whom and for whom our Constitution was established";  
14       therefore be it

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16       **RESOLVED, that NYSUT and its state and national affiliates support a**  
17 **constitutional amendment to clarify that "free speech" as envisioned by the framers of the**  
18 **U.S. Constitution, was limited to individuals and groups of individuals, not incorporated**  
19 **entities.**