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RE: H3127 An Act For a U.S. Constitutional Amendment and Amendments Convention

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Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs

Thank you for hearing *H3127*, *An Act For a U.S. Constitutional Amendment and Amendments Convention* before your committee on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This bill is known colloquially as the "We the People Act."

This bill would direct the State Legislature to call upon Congress to convene a Constitutional Convention with the intention of passing a Constitutional amendment stipulating that limits be placed on campaign contributions. This is in response to the Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, which removed financial limitations on non-profits, for-profit corporations, unions, and other organizations for donating to political campaigns. I, and many other citizens, am concerned that a corporation's voice will be heard before mine as a citizen because of their pecuniary influence on elections.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H3127*, *An Act For a U.S. Constitutional Amendment and Amendments Convention* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

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