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Slim Majority of US Supreme Court Chooses Corruption Over Fair Elections Montana Initiative 166 Passage Even More Important

Remarks from C.B. Pearson, Campaign Treasurer, Initiative I-166 on the decision this morning on Montana Corrupt Practices Act, that bans corporate contributions from Montana elections.

“Unfortunately, the US Supreme Court chose corruption over fair elections today, ignoring Montana facts and history with its 1912 Corrupt Practices Act. It is a good bet that Montana elections will no longer be for Montanans and fair, but instead will be funded by outside groups who do not care about our history and our people.

By this action, the Court chose to double down on its disastrous *Citizens United* decision, refusing to even consider a Montana court's finding that the state can ban corporate political spending because of the corruption that inevitably follows it. Montanans aren't the sort of people who sit still for this kind of outrage, even when it comes from our nation's highest court.

Montanans know that corporations aren't people. They do not breathe, they do not have children, they do not die fighting in wars for our country, and they do not vote in our elections.

This November, Montana voters will have the chance to clarify that corporations are not people, that money is not speech, and once again act to get big money out of our elections

by voting for I-166. The people of Montana need to speak on this important issue and tell all of our elected representatives to honor the wishes of Montanans to have fair elections.

All of Montana elected leaders need to stand together to defend our fair elections process and to fight for our right to have elections that are of, by, and for the people.

We hope this offensive Court's ruling is a flash point for a national prairie fire to overturn *Citizens United* and affirm that in America, "we the people," not "we the corporations," are in charge.

We ask that all of Montana join with us to fight for fair elections.”

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