

Comment Received to PublicComment@fec.gov on Aug. 28, 2016

Dear Ms. Ravel:

Per your request, I am writing my thoughts about Citizen's United, allowing that corporations are people. It is a farce, and there is no better proof than in this last primary election cycle. It should be overturned immediately, so foreign countries cannot buy the USA! It has become almost impossible for ordinary citizens to run for any office, because of the corporate money in politics.

And there should be NO FOREIGN donations to anyone running for any office. Please let's get it overturned ASAP!

Sincerely,
Patricia A. Garcia
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Citizens, not corporations or organizations, are the voting unit in the United States. Therefore, corporations and foreign individuals, organizations, and governments must be prohibited from any and all contributions to politicians or election funds, in both primary and general elections.

Our government properly limits the monetary free speech of citizens in elections, thus our government can prohibit monetary free speech of non-citizens in elections. Citizens United must be overturned, because it has allowed corporations, foreign organizations, and foreign governments to make overtly political donations.

Sincerely yours,
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Dear Ms. Ravel,

Thank you for your article in Medium re soliciting opinions on what we need to do to minimize foreign money from influencing US elections considering we now have the unfortunate Citizens United decision. I am also very concerned about the untoward affect the Citizens United decision is having on the election process and I would like to express my support for precluding domestic subsidiaries of foreign corporations to make contributions, either directly or through PACs, to influence federal, state or local elections. Ideally, Citizens United would be completely repealed, in the meantime this step should be made law.

I feel strongly about this issue. It is, in my opinion, the most important issue facing the US today.

I am a US citizen currently living in the Netherlands, originally from Seattle.

Thank you,

Patrice C. Smith