

ARTICLE 34. RESOLUTION – ALLOW CONGRESS TO REVOKE CONDITIONS OF CORPORATE AND UNION CAMPAIGN FUNDING – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to pass the following resolution:

We, the voters of the Orleans Town Meeting, affirm our belief that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations.

We believe that the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC, which allows corporations and unions to pay advocacy groups unlimited funds to influence elections, threatens democracy by allowing corporations to cause the election of candidates who will serve themselves, not ordinary citizens. The people of the United States through their legislators have previously amended the Constitution to regulate elections and federal officeholding nine times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE VOTERS OF THE ORLEANS TOWN MEETING, CALL UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RESTORE THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND FAIR ELECTIONS TO THE PEOPLE, AND FURTHER, WE CALL UPON THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT TO PASS ONE OR MORE RESOLUTIONS ASKING THOSE ACTIONS.

We ask Orleans officials to send a copy of this resolution to the state and federal representatives and senators serving Orleans, and to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the President of the United States. (By Petition) (Simple Majority Vote Required)

MOTION: To accept and adopt Article 34 as printed in the warrant.

MOTION: To move the question.

ACTION: On the motion to move the question, voted, voice vote carries by the necessary 4/5 vote.

ACTION: On the main motion, standing vote, YES = 105, NO = 40, motion passes.

ARTICLE 35. FUND WASTEWATER TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES STUDY – BY PETITION