

## How A Corporation Became A Person

**The Supreme Court** (an appointed not elected body) has turned corporations into persons with Constitutional protections that the framers meant for us, the people of the United States.

The Court gave corporations the rights of persons under the:

- **Contracts Clause** in 1819,
- **14th Amendment** in 1886,
- **4th Amendment** in 1906,
- **5th Amendment** in 1922,
- **1st Amendment** in 1976,
- **Unlimited political spending** in 2010. This ruling “Citizens United vs the FEC,” also gave unions and wealthy individuals unlimited political spending.

## How Corporate use of Constitutional Rights Harms People. They:

- Strike down local, state, and federal laws, taxes, and regulations created to protect towns, family farms, small businesses, workers, home owners, the environment, consumers, and the public.
- Avoid unannounced inspections by health and safety, and environmental protection agency inspectors.
- Enter into the political arena by bank rolling “corporate friendly” candidates and causes to get tax loopholes, subsidies, and other advantages over small businesses and individuals.

## How You Can End Corporate Personhood:

It will take an **Amendment to the US Constitution** limiting Constitutional rights to natural persons and stating that money is not speech to return our government to us, the people of the United States.

- **Sign** the petition on line at: [MovetoAmend.org](http://MovetoAmend.org)
- **Join** and/or **Donate** money to a local Move to Amend group (or start one) to get a city or county resolution or a ballot measure passed calling for the Amendment.
- **Ask candidates** where they stand on corporate personhood and money as free speech.