Prince George's County Council
Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date:	2/21/2012
Reference No.:	CR-007-2012
Draft No.:	1
Proposer(s):	Lehman
Sponsor(s):	Lehman, Franklin, Olson, Davis, Patterson, Toles
Item Title:	A Resolution for the purpose of expressing the Council's support of the letter from the Members of the Maryland General Assembly to the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		**Executive Action:**	
Committee Referral:	2/21/2012 - C.O.W.	**Effective Date:**	
Committee Action:	2/21/2012 - FAV		
Date Introduced:	2/21/2012		
Public Hearing:			
Council Action (1)	2/21/2012 - ADOPTED		
Council Votes:	WC:-, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A		
Pass/Fail:	P		
Remarks:			

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:
(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

In a 5-to-4- ruling, the Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission lifted certain restrictions on corporate independent expenditures. The decision invalidated two provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) whereby it struck down the long-standing prohibition on corporations using their general treasury funds to make independent expenditures and prohibiting corporations from using their general treasury funds for electioneering communications. The proposed legislation expresses the Council's support of the letter from the Members of the Maryland General Assembly to the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United and restore fair elections and democratic sovereignty to the states and the people.

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