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Hi Tim!

Here is the language for consideration by the selectmen for the town meeting:

The Town of Chilmark supports Resolution S. 772 of the Massachusetts Senate, which calls 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.

For your information and that of the selectmen, our state senator Dan Wolf has joined many members of the Mass. Senate and House to propose S. 772. This bill opposes the US Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC that has unleashed "a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history", which "presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy." The constitutional amendment process has been used before "to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self-government."

Other towns on the Vineyard will be considering the above statement, along with towns in the Commonwealth and around the country. I'd be glad to come to the selectmen's meeting on March 6 at 7pm.

Below is S. 772 in its entirety.

Thanks,

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