

## The Voters First Pledge

Voters are tired of having their voices drowned out by big money in politics and candidates are tired of the campaign fundraising treadmill. It's time to change the way America pays for elections so that they are of, by, and for the people, not the special interests.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* to allow unlimited political spending by big corporations and unions has made this bad situation worse. The flood of special interest money in Washington, D.C. has had severe consequences on the lives of everyday Americans. We see high credit card interest rates, financial collapse on Wall Street throwing millions out of work, tax breaks for companies that outsource American jobs, and the biggest environmental disaster America has ever seen after government agencies looked the other way as BP violated one safety regulation after another. America needs a government accountable to the people, not big campaign donors.

In cities and states across the country, successful programs that end the dependence on big money, empower small donors, and put voters first have proven popular with candidates and voters alike, from across the political spectrum. Now it's time to bring the benefits of Fair Elections to Congress. There is a federal proposal that would provide qualified candidates limited Fair Elections funds when they agree to forego large campaign contributions.

Now more than ever, American voters are demanding real change that makes Congress accountable to Main Street instead of Wall Street. Restoring public faith in our democracy starts with giving people the best government money can't buy. We urge all candidates to sign the Voters First Pledge.

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*If elected, I pledge to support legislation to create a small-donor, Fair Elections system for congressional candidates who agree not to take large campaign contributions.*

Signed: 

Date: 7-06-10

Printed Name: DONN JONES

District/State: 8th / Tennessee

Please sign and fax this sheet back to Attention: Voters First Pledge at (202) 521-0605. You can also email a signed copy to [pledge@votersfirstpledge.com](mailto:pledge@votersfirstpledge.com), or mail one to Voters First Pledge, c/o Public Campaign Action Fund, 1133 19<sup>th</sup> St., NW, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20036.