

## Procedure for Calling State Reps Regarding AJR 11 / SJR 9

Here is a detailed procedure for educating and pinning down our state representatives regarding their position on our resolutions [AJR 11](#) and [SJR 9](#). When you click on these links, you can see which representatives have already cosponsored these resolutions. **If your reps aren't on the list please contact them!** Here's how:

1. Use this [spreadsheet](#) to find contact information for your reps. There are two tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet – one for the Assembly and one for the Senate.
2. Click on their name in column F (Name) and find their phone #. Note the email addresses for their aides, as well.
3. Give 'em a call. Say something like, Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm a volunteer with United To Amend. We're a non-partisan citizens group that's trying to get the big money out of politics. People don't feel like they're being represented anymore. And they're mostly right. We'd like \_\_\_\_\_ to support AJR 11 / SJR 9. I'd be happy to send you an email with background information that you can give to \_\_\_\_\_. OK, great. Can I call you in a week to get their reaction?
4. Here's the email I've been sending them. Borrow this, modify, whatever...

Hello Rep. Allen,

I'm emailing to request your support for [AJR 11](#). It calls for a statewide vote regarding the problem of money in politics. People don't feel like they're being represented anymore. And they're mostly right. The only people with any influence anymore are a small number of big donors.

Over 90% of Americans believe there's too much money in politics and it leads to corruption and crony capitalism. [Numerous recent polls](#) indicate that **government corruption is the top issue facing America**. Over 80% of Wisconsinites support an amendment which would clarify the words "people" and "speech" in our U.S. Constitution.

[Twenty-two states](#) and over [830 communities](#) nationwide have called for a Constitutional amendment that would clarify that only real people should have inalienable rights and that money is not the same thing as free speech. More than half of all Wisconsinites live in jurisdictions that have voted for this (including many in your district). [160+ Wisconsin communities](#) have called for the same amendment.

We'd like Wisconsin to be the 23rd state to call for such an amendment. We want to restore our republic and the American dream, but we need your support:

- [Brochure](#) (.pdf).
- [Community Handout](#) (.pdf).
- [Communities & States Supporting an Amendment](#) (.pdf).

If you have any questions, we'd be happy to meet with you or talk on the phone. We look forward to hearing from you...thank you for your public service!

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5. Make a note of the rep, aide's name, current date and follow-up in a week until you get their support or why they don't support it. It boils down to:
  - a. Do you agree that this flood of special interest money in our election system is a problem? If not, why not?
  - b. Do you agree that we need to clarify the words "people" and "speech" in our Constitution, so we can pass reasonable campaign finance laws? If not, why not?
6. They may suggest a meeting with the rep or an aide. Set it up and meet them at the capitol if you're in Dane County. If you're not, let Jim know and we'll find someone to meet with them. Also, if they're giving you the run around, **you** may want to suggest a meeting.
7. Here are two related documents. You can use the second one to shoot down their excuse, if you get a chance:
  - a. [Talking Points](#)
  - b. [Responses to Objections](#)
8. Email your results to [jim@unitedtoamend.org](mailto:jim@unitedtoamend.org), so we can update the spreadsheet. Thanks!!!