Request a Meeting with Your Congressional Representative

[Name of Scheduler]
Office of The Honorable [Full Name of Congressperson]
U.S. House of Representatives OR U.S. Senate
Address
City, State, Zip

July ____, 2012

Dear U.S. Rep. OR U.S. Sen. [their last name],

As one of your constituents and as a supporter of Public Citizen, I would like to request a meeting to ask your support for a constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. In *Citizens United*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that gave corporations the ability to spend unlimited amounts of money to influence elections. I am working with a group of individuals in your district who would like to attend as well. Additionally, representatives from [X, Y, Z groups] would like to join us if they are available [it is OK if you are working on your own to not include this].

My support for an amendment comes as part of a powerful and growing national movement. To date, more than 285 cities and towns have passed resolutions calling for a constitutional amendment and six state legislatures have registered their support. More than 1,700 public officials and more than 1,800 business leaders are on record in support of constitutional remedies. More than 120 members of Congress, President Barack Obama and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi are also all on record in support of an amendment.

Not only are a large and bipartisan majority of Americans opposed to the ruling and to increased corporate influence in politics, but 66 percent of small business owners think that the *Citizens United* ruling is bad for them, according to a poll recently released by the American Sustainable Business Council.

We are seeing the detrimental impacts of the *Citizens United* ruling every day. With the emergence of “Super PACs,” corporations and wealthy individuals are buying the allegiance of legislators and presidential candidates, influencing elections and drowning out the voices of ordinary citizens. After the ruling in January 2010, spending by outside groups grew by 427 percent during the following election cycle. Because of this flood of outside money, the 2012 election cycle is expected to be the most expensive ever; by some estimates, total election spending will reach $8 billion.

All this money threatens our democracy and undermines the notion that our government is made by the people, for the people. A constitutional amendment to reclaim democracy for the people is a necessary step we must take to address this monumental problem.

We would very much like to meet with you and talk about this important issue. I can be reached by phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx or by e-mail ___@___.___ to set up a meeting time.

Many thanks for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Names and affiliations of other meeting requesters, if applicable]