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FED UP AMERICANS CREATE ONLINE VIDEOS CALLING TO GET BIG MONEY OUT OF POLITICS

CELEBRITIES TO JOIN JUDGING PANEL

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The Democracy For All Video Challenge was created to tap into the creative potential of Americans who support a constitutional amendment that allows for reasonable limits to be set on money in elections.

A panel of judges awards \$1,000 to the best video submitted every week for 14 weeks. Then, from the field of all contest entries, five best in category videos will be awarded \$5,000 each (dramatic, creative, student, funniest, original song), with \$25,000 being awarded to the best overall video.

The contest started August 12 and aspiring producers can enter the video challenge by submitting a 30-90 second video before December 2. Full details are available at www.DemocracyForAll.com/contest.

Judging the final videos will be Michael Moore, Academy Award-winning filmmaker; Norman Lear, legendary television producer and founder of People For the American Way; Kathleen Turner, advocate and Academy Award-nominated actress; Dolores Huerta, civil rights activist and cofounder of United Farm Workers; Kelly Nyks, award-winning documentary filmmaker; Stacey Reiss, Emmy Award-winning television news producer; and Ginna Green, managing director for money in politics and fair courts at nonprofit communications firm ReThink Media.

The Democracy For All Amendment, currently being considered by Congress with 139 cosponsors in the House and 41 supporters in the Senate, would overturn cases such as Citizens United, the 2010 Supreme Court case that paved the way for unlimited political spending by corporations and the super wealthy.

People For the American Way (PFAW) is dedicated to making the promise of America real for every American. That means equality. Freedom of speech. Freedom of religion. The right to seek justice in a court of law. The right to cast a vote that counts.

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