

OFFICIAL PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

To the attention of:

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Senator Barbara Mikulski and Senator Benjamin Cardin

Whereas corporations cannot be trusted to do the right thing, or follow the rules and we need government to regulate corporations, or corporations will regulate us, to our detriment;

Whereas it should be a crime for corporations to recklessly expose workers to life-threatening conditions and employers should be prohibited from forcing employees to sign contracts giving away existing whistleblower protections;

Whereas government agencies should not have dual missions of promoting industries and ensuring their compliance with safety and environmental rules; rules should be imposed to stop the revolving door between regulators and industry and the lobby complex;

Whereas corporations and industries have enormous influence throughout the government—in Congress, at the White House and in the executive agencies and we need a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision in addition to public financing of elections and stronger lobbyist reforms;

Whereas few corporations or corporate executives face criminal prosecution for killing or seriously hurting workers or consumers and that has to change;

Now therefore, as a Member of Public Citizen, I insist that the BP oil spill disaster—following on other colossal corporate failures, from Wall Street to Massey Energy—can and must spark a multifaceted effort in the Senate to challenge corporate power. I urge you to use your authority to pass the legislation required to hold corporations accountable for their actions and protect the public interest.

Sincerely,



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