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Opinion

The First Amendment
 Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." —Thomas Jefferson (1800)



LETTERS

WISEN UP AND UNITE AGAINST THE 1 PERCENT

The imbalance on this so called "Supreme Court" is outrageously unfair to all citizens.

The "tea party" tilt on the court, with its refusal to overturn "Citizens United" and omit the exploitable terms "Corporations are Entities" and "Money is Speech..." gives us not a promise of democracy but rather a plutocracy in which a very few ridiculously wealthy 1 percent will rule the land — eventually seizing everything that gets in its way and leaving nothing for the 99 percent of Americans.

Together, united, we the people must adhere to our Constitution and fight to make democracy legal again.

Please take time to google "Move to Amend" and study the history of the "Citizens United" case.

A great litmus test for selecting a deserving candidate in upcoming elections is: Have they signed the petition? The people's amendment is in motion

and has been for many, many years.

Get active in the movement to save democracy.

We must all wise up, unite and proceed with this task that our forefathers would have us complete.

Ever so sincerely,
 —Wende Jarman
 Florence

THE PROBLEM IS MORE THAN SENATORS' SALARIES

In response to Mr. Cavarno's Letter to the Editor ("Compare Trump's Travel Expenses to Democrats," Oct. 5), I cited the source for the numbers I referenced in my letter: *The Huffington Post*.

There are numerous other reputable sources that corroborate the stats provided by *The Huffington Post*, including *Forbes*, *Newsweek*, multiple other news agencies, and the GAO.

Anyone who can add two and two and get four should have the sense to see that any analysis of the salaries of the senators

campaigning for president or the president's salary is insignificant.

The senators running for president use campaign funds to pay for campaign-related travel; meanwhile, President Trump is using taxpayer dollars to visit his golf courses and hobnob with his rich friends.

If you think the opposition to Donald Trump is about his salary, you've missed the point completely. We're worried about climate change, dirty air and water, children in cages, the bullying of our allies, obstruction of justice, abuse of power, sandbagging Congress, enlisting foreign governments to further the president's reelection and the over 12,000 lies told by him in the 988 days since he took office — to name just a few of the issues.

These are all bigger problems than the salaries of senators running for president.

Respectfully,
 —Dolly Brock
 Florence



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