



**Citizens of the Kanawha Valley Will Rally in a
DEMONSTRATION FOR DEMOCRACY
JANUARY 20, 2012 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Robert C Byrd Federal Courthouse
300 Virginia St. East, Charleston WV**

**Over 100 Protests Planned at Courthouses Nationwide
Against Supreme Court Ruling that Corporations Are People**

Around the nation more than 100 courthouses, including the Robert C Byrd Federal Courthouse and the Supreme Court, will become the focus of protesters against corporate rule on Friday, January 20. This is one day before the second anniversary of the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* decision, in which the Supreme Court ruled that corporations are persons, entitled by the U.S. Constitution to buy elections and run the government.

Neither the Declaration of Independence nor the Constitution mentions corporations, which were rare entities at our nation's founding. But thanks to decades of rulings by Justices who molded the law to favor elite interests, corporations today are granted privileges that empower them to deny citizens the right to full self-governance. Armed with these rights, corporations wield ever-increasing control over jobs, natural assets, elected officials, judges and the law.

We believe corporations are not persons and possess only the privileges that citizens and their elected representatives willfully grant them.. Organizers of OCCUPY THE COURTS propose several ways to correct this situation, including a [Constitutional Amendment](#) that will overturn the Court-created legal doctrines of corporate person-hood and "Money Equals Speech."

WHEN: Friday, January 20, from 11:30 a.m. through the afternoon.

WHERE: Robert C Byrd Federal Courthouse
300 Virginia Street East, Charleston WV 25304

WHO: West Virginia Citizen Action Group
League of Women Voters of West Virginia
AFL-CIO, Communication Workers of America
Seneca2, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition & others

WHAT: Bring signs, drums, flags, cans of pennies (all we can afford!) Listen to inspired speakers and watch the Supreme Court get a lesson in the difference between a Person and a Corporation! Wear your patriotic colors and make some noise, because this is about SAVING OUR DEMOCRACY from Corporate Rule and Bought Elections!

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