Sixth Anniversary of the Lawless Citizens United Decision

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MIDDLETON, WI - Today is the sixth anniversary of the lawless *Citizens United* decision. Six years of super PACs, of million dollar checks being poured into elections from corporations and billionaires. Six years of the real corrupting power of the decision: the long-term, year-to-year influence big money has over the policies that affect middle-class and working families.

How this influence plays out is even more harmful than it seems, because candidates for office now *assume they need* the support of super PACs to run viable campaigns.

Potential candidates for president -- or senators up for reelection -- are expected to court the support of the billionaires who fund super PACs. To win that support, they take positions -- or votes -- that align with the kinds of economic policies that benefit CEOs and hedge fund managers, not middle-class and working families.

To mark today's anniversary, I've written a piece for Medium outlining the real effects the lawless *Citizens United* decision has had on our democracy. Will you take a moment to read my piece and share it with your family and friends?

[Share my op-ed: Six Years Later: Citizens United's Winners Aren't Declared on Election Day.](#)

In the years to come, a future Supreme Court must overturn the *Citizens United* decision, and I strongly believe it will happen if we elect Democratic presidents. But as election season continues, we can't forget that the hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars flooding our elections isn't only deciding who wins or loses -- it's deciding whether or not our economy is rigged.

Thank you for helping me get the word out.

Sincerely,

Russ Feingold