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Former AFD Co-chair Lou Hammann and Nancy Price call for an end to Big Money Politics photo: Jim Tarbell

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A woman signs a giant banner with the Preamble to the Constitution as demonstrators gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to protest the Supreme Court's Citizens United campaign finance ruling. Two organizers walked across the country to call attention to their cause.

Democracy for sale

Check out the five-minute video of the Democracy for Sale Rally welcoming the Monahans to Washington DC. You can see it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV8ImERFIM&feature=related>. Laird Monahan explains his motivation:

"The corporations have been stealing our representatives for years. Behind closed doors, they have been paying them off and intimidating them. But the Supreme Court's decision made it legal. I was an early Republican, later a Democrat and I voted for Ross Perot along the way.

"I am a Viet Nam Vet. I volunteered my service to my country. I grew up loving our country. Loving what it stood for, loving our democracy. When I saw what had been done to the Constitution, I had to go on a walk to raise the awareness of the American people...Our Democracy has been stolen from us and we have to get it back."



Bill Moyer of the Backbone Campaign, who worked tirelessly to build these signs and Robin and Laird Monahan culminate the Monahan Brother's cross-county walk. photo: Jim Tarbell