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Letters to the Editor

Citizens United ruling destined to be overturned

With regard to Severin Beliveau's article ("Political fundraising: 'Enough is enough,' " Nov. 24) on the impact of the Citizens United decision on Maine, I think it is worth pointing out that this was a 5-4 victory by the conservative judicial activists who currently constitute a slender majority on the U.S. Supreme Court.

This decision overturned over 110 years of precedent and was based on entirely questionable grounds that stand in opposition to the clearly expressed views and attitudes of our Founding Fathers.

Fortunately, elections have consequences, so in all likelihood, the temporary and transitory dominance of these radical justices will end with President Obama's next judicial nominations. With the return of a majority on the Supreme Court who actually respect and follow the U.S. Constitution, Citizens United will be overturned.

Citizens United is based on the concept that artificial individuals have the same 1st Amendment rights as real individuals. Corporations are organizations that have a very authoritarian governance structure and there is every likelihood that the views of the hired managers will differ from the actual owners of the corporation, i.e., the shareholders.

Citizens United is a nonsense in asserting the freedom of speech of the corporation.

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