

## **Fight for Campaign Finance Reform**

### **Resolution #3**

#### **Southern Oregon Area Local**

#### **Oregon Postal Workers Union**

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission opened the door to unlimited corporate and billionaire spending in our elections creating a political system that responds to money rather than workers; and

WHEREAS, as corporate political spending has grown, union density in the private sector has fallen to approximately six percent (6%), and right-to-work legislation continues to spread as a direct result of that imbalance; and

WHEREAS, Amazon and the Bezos family spent nearly \$17 million in the 2024 election cycle alone, and Amazon separately donated \$1 million to the Trump inaugural fund, while the entire labor movement's political spending cannot approach that scale under the current system of unlimited corporate contributions and the answer is not to try to match those dollars, but to change the rules that allow them; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 APWU National Convention adopted a resolution directing the National Union to pursue campaign finance reform, and no substantive action or update has been provided in response to that directive; and

WHEREAS, the committee on postal action (Copa) exists to advance the political interests of APWU members, and meaningful campaign finance reform is among the most consequential political interests our membership holds;

**Resolved**, that the APWU establish a designated campaign reform fund equal to no less than two percent (2%) of annual COPA receipts, to be funded either directly from COPA receipts or from the general fund as determined by the National Executive Board, to support advocacy, organizing, coalition work, and the expenses of the rank-and-file leaders engaged in advancing campaign finance reform; and be it further

**Resolved**, no funds designated for this purpose shall be used for candidate donations, candidate fund raising events, or any expenditure that duplicates the existing purpose of COPA.