

## **Sample Introduction for Opening a We the People 2.0 Screening:**

Welcome everyone.

I'm [name], with [group]. Thank you for coming out to this important event.

I'd also like to thank our co-sponsors for the event, including [cosponsors].

I first became aware of community rights work through [Just one or two sentences. If the host has fought an environmental harm, name the harm, mention how you were not protected by regulatory agencies, that you were threatened by a corporation with a harmful activity. If the host has not fought a single-issue harm, mention briefly how you came to be aware of community rights organizing and/or CELDF.]

What you will see through this film is that it is the system of law itself that stands in our way of protecting community health and welfare. The system we have today protects harmful corporate interests at the expense of our community's health and welfare.

And that's where CELDF and community rights organizing come in. It is a big, complex issue that goes beyond what one film can cover, but through "We the People 2.0," we get a glimpse of what communities across the country, and the world, are doing to resist and change this system, and how these communities are building a movement for rights – rights that recognize our authority to protect our community's health, safety, and future.

These communities are inviting us to join them.

CELDf is able to assist these communities, providing free and low cost legal services, organizing, and education support, through donations. Please make a donation to CELDF to help make their support of communities possible.

Thanks again for coming tonight and we hope this film inspires you to take action in your own community. There are handouts [point out location]. [If there will be a discussion after the film, announce that now.]

[press play]