

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow Congress and the States to set reasonable limits on spending to influence elections.

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States protects rights of citizenship, including the freedoms of speech, assembly, association, and petitioning the government; and

WHEREAS, freedom of speech is constitutionally subject to reasonable limits with respect to the means, time, place, and manner of exercising speech; and using money to influence elections and lawmaking is another means of speech that is subject to reasonable limits; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* authorized unlimited spending by special interest groups to influence elections, thereby displacing the voice and effectiveness of ordinary voters; and

WHEREAS, in order to advance the democratic self-government by the people, secure political equality among the people, and protect the integrity of government and the electoral process, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States is urgently required;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly of Kentucky calls upon the Congress of the United States of America to propose and send to the states for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing state and federal legislation to establish reasonable limits on spending to influence elections.

➔Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader

of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and each member of the Kentucky delegation to the Congress of the United States.