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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures with respect to elections.

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Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. HOLT, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Ms. SHEA-PORTER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. To advance the fundamental principle
3 of political equality for all, Congress shall have power to
4 regulate the raising and spending of money and in-kind
5 equivalents with respect to Federal elections, including
6 through setting limits on—

7 “(1) the amount of contributions to candidates
8 for nomination for election to, or for election to,
9 Federal office; and

10 “(2) the amount of expenditures that may be
11 made by, in support of, or in opposition to such can-
12 didates.

13 “SECTION 2. To advance the fundamental principle
14 of political equality for all, a State shall have power to
15 regulate the raising and spending of money and in-kind
16 equivalents with respect to State elections, including
17 through setting limits on—

18 “(1) the amount of contributions to candidates
19 for nomination for election to, or for election to,
20 State office; and

21 “(2) the amount of expenditures that may be
22 made by, in support of, or in opposition to such can-
23 didates.

1 “SECTION 3. Congress shall have power to implement
2 and enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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