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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate the expenditure of funds for political activity by corporations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDWARDS (for herself and Mr. CONYERS) 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. Nothing in this Constitution shall pro-
3 hibit Congress and the States from imposing content-neu-
4 tral regulations and restrictions on the expenditure of
5 funds for political activity by any corporation, limited li-
6 ability company, or other corporate entity, including but
7 not limited to contributions in support of, or in opposition
8 to, a candidate for public office.

9 “SECTION 2. Nothing contained in this Article shall
10 be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.”.

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