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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SUTTON (for herself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) 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 within seven years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. Congress shall have power to regulate
3 the raising and spending of money and in kind equivalents
4 with respect to Federal elections, including through set-
5 ting limits on—

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

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

12 “SECTION 2. A State shall have power to regulate the
13 raising and spending of money and in kind equivalents
14 with respect to State elections, including through setting
15 limits on—

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

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

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

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