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# H. J. RES. 74

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States permitting Congress and the States to regulate the expenditure of funds by corporations engaging in political speech.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland (for herself and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The sovereign right of the people to gov-  
5 ern being essential to a free democracy, Congress and the  
6 States may regulate the expenditure of funds for political  
7 speech by any corporation, limited liability company, or  
8 other corporate entity.

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

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