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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

FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Ms. Edwards (for herself, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Cicilline, Ms. Esty, Mr. Grayson, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Himes, Mr. Huffman, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. McDermott, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Meeks, Ms. Norton, Ms. Pingree of Maine, Mr. Rush, Mr. Sarbanes, Ms. Slaughter, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Markey, Ms. Shea-Porter, Ms. Hahn, Ms. Bass, Mr. Welch, and Mrs. Davis of California) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

“Article—

“Section 1. Nothing in this Constitution shall prohibit Congress and the States from imposing content-neutral regulations and restrictions on the expenditure of funds for political activity by any corporation, limited liability company, or other corporate entity, including but not limited to contributions in support of, or in opposition to, a candidate for public office.

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

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