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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections for Federal and State office.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 7, 1997

MS. Kaptur (for herself, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Mr. Minge, Mr. English of Pennsylvania, Mr. Barrett of Wisconsin, Mr. Stupak, Mr. Poshard, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Pomeroy) 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

- 1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
- 2 for ratification:
- 3 "Article —
- 4 "Section 1. Congress shall have power to set reason-
- 5 able limits on expenditures made in support of or in oppo-
- 6 sition to the nomination or election of any person to Fed-
- 7 eral office.
- 8 "Section 2. Each State shall have power to set rea-
- 9 sonable limits on expenditures made in support of or in
- 10 opposition to the nomination or election of any person to
- 11 State office.
- 12 "Section 3. Congress shall have power to enforce
- 13 this article by appropriate legislation.".

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