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# S. J. RES. 36

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to authorizing regulation of contributions to candidates for State public office and Federal office by corporations and labor organizations, and expenditures by corporate entities and labor organizations in support of, or opposition to such candidates.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2010

Mr. BAUCUS introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and 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   intent and purposes as part of the Constitution when

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
3 by the Congress:

4 “ARTICLE —

5 “SECTION 1. Congress shall have the power to regu-  
6 late the contribution of funds by corporations and labor  
7 organizations to a candidate for election to, or for nomina-  
8 tion for election to, a Federal office, and the power to reg-  
9 ulate the expenditure of funds by corporations and labor  
10 organizations made in support of, or opposition to, such  
11 candidates.

12 “SECTION 2. A State shall have the power to regulate  
13 the contribution of funds by corporations and labor orga-  
14 nizations to a candidate for election to, or for nomination  
15 for election to, public office in the State, and the power  
16 to regulate the expenditure of funds by corporations and  
17 labor organizations made in support of, or opposition to,  
18 such candidates.

19 “SECTION 3. Nothing contained in this Amendment  
20 shall be construed to allow Congress or a State to make  
21 any law abridging the freedom of the press.”

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