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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, entities organized and operated for profit, and labor organizations, and expenditures by such entities and labor organizations in support of, or opposition to such candidates.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and 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-*

1 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
2 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
4 States within seven years after the date of its submission
5 by the Congress:

6 “ARTICLE —

7 “SECTION 1. Congress shall have the power to regu-
8 late the contribution of funds by corporations, entities or-
9 ganized and operated for profit, and labor organizations
10 to a candidate for election to, or for nomination for elec-
11 tion to, a Federal office, and the power to regulate the
12 expenditure of funds by corporations, entities organized
13 and operated for profit, and labor organizations made in
14 support of, or opposition to, such candidates.

15 “SECTION 2. A State shall have the power to regulate
16 the contribution of funds by corporations, entities orga-
17 nized and operated for profit, and labor organizations to
18 a candidate for election to, or for nomination for election
19 to, public office in the State, and the power to regulate
20 the expenditure of funds by corporations, entities orga-
21 nized and operated for profit, and labor organizations
22 made in support of, or opposition to, such candidates.

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

