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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the authority of Congress and the States to regulate political campaign contributions and expenditures, including independent expenditures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNEY 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. Nothing in this Constitution shall be
5 construed to prohibit Congress or any State from imposing
6 content-neutral limitations on contributions or expendi-
7 tures which are used to refer to a candidate for election
8 for Federal office, including contributions or expenditures
9 which are made independently from a candidate or a can-
10 didate’s campaign during such period as Congress or the
11 State may establish which is proximate to the date of the
12 election in which the candidate is running.

13 “SECTION 2. Nothing contained in this article shall
14 be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.”.

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