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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 corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. COOPER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. FARR, and Mr. GRIJALVA) 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 (two-*
3 *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*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
2 States:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. We the people who ordain and establish
5 this Constitution intend the rights protected by this Con-
6 stitution to be the rights of natural persons.

7 “SECTION 2. The words people, person, or citizen as
8 used in this Constitution do not include corporations, lim-
9 ited liability companies or other corporate entities estab-
10 lished by the laws of any State, the United States, or any
11 foreign state, and such corporate entities are subject to
12 such regulation as the people, through their elected State
13 and Federal representatives, deem reasonable and are oth-
14 erwise consistent with the powers of Congress and the
15 States under this Constitution.

16 “SECTION 3. Nothing contained herein shall be con-
17 strued to limit the people’s rights of freedom of speech,
18 freedom of the press, free exercise of religion, freedom of
19 association and all such other rights of the people, which
20 rights are unalienable.”.

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