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## H. J. RES. \_\_\_\_\_

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. JAYAPAL introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 he 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  
8 States:

1 “ARTICLE—

2 “SECTION 1. The rights protected by the Constitution  
3 of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.  
4 Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability  
5 companies, and other entities, established by the laws of  
6 any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall  
7 have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to  
8 regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local  
9 law. The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined  
10 by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and  
11 shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

12 “SECTION 2. Federal, State, and local government  
13 shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expendi-  
14 tures, including a candidate’s own contributions and ex-  
15 penditures, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their  
16 economic status, have access to the political process, and  
17 that no person gains, as a result of that person’s money,  
18 substantially more access or ability to influence in any way  
19 the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot  
20 measure. Federal, State, and local governments shall re-  
21 quire that any permissible contributions and expenditures  
22 be publicly disclosed. The judiciary shall not construe the  
23 spending of money to influence elections to be speech  
24 under the First Amendment.

1           “SECTION 3. Nothing contained in this amendment  
2 shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.”.