

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN**
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**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO PASS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
REVERSE THE RULING OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, United States Supreme Court rulings, beginning with *Buckley v. Valeo* and continuing through *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and others, disproportionately elevate the role of wealthy special interests in elections and diminish the voices and influence of ordinary Americans; and

WHEREAS, Maine citizens wish to develop effective tools for self-governance, including strong laws governing elections and campaign finance; and

WHEREAS, the current legal landscape severely constrains the range of options available to citizens, frustrating efforts to reduce the influence of moneyed interest in elections and in government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, hereby declare our support for an amendment to the United States Constitution regarding campaign finance that would reaffirm the power of citizens through their government to regulate the raising and spending of money in elections; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, call upon each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation to actively support and promote in Congress an amendment to the United States Constitution on campaign finance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.