

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America promoting equality of citizenship by establishing that artificial entities, such as corporations, associations, or other similar groups, are not persons and can be regulated, and that money is not speech and can be regulated.

WHEREAS, the rights protected by the Constitution of the United States of America are the rights of natural persons only; and

WHEREAS, artificial entities established by the laws of any state, the United States of America, or any foreign state shall have no rights under the Constitution of the United States of America and are subject to regulation by the people, through federal, state, and local law; and

WHEREAS, the privileges of artificial entities should be determined by the people through federal, state, and local law, and should not be construed to be inherent or inalienable; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local governments should regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have access to the political process, and that no person gains, as a result of his or her money, substantially more access or ability to influence in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local governments should require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed; and

WHEREAS, the judiciary should not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in order to reform our political system and our electoral process, and to restore power over that process to the individual citizens of this great nation, an

amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is urgently required;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

➔Section 1. The General Assembly of Kentucky calls upon the Congress of the United States of America to propose and send to the states for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America authorizing legislation to establish fair and comprehensive election reform, including limits on contributions and expenditures to influence elections and a prohibition of such contributions or expenditures by corporations, associations, or other individuals or groups that are not citizens of the United States of America.

➔Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States of America, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Kentucky delegation to the Congress of the United States of America.