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# H. J. RES. 92

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the authority of Congress and the States to regulate the disbursement of funds for political activity by for-profit corporations and other for-profit business organizations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2011

Mr. ELLISON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 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. Because of the compelling public inter-  
5 est in preventing corruption and the appearance of corrup-  
6 tion among elected officials, and because corporations and  
7 other business organizations are not natural persons or  
8 citizens, Congress and the States may regulate the dis-  
9 bursement of funds for political activity by for-profit cor-  
10 porations, other for-profit business entities, or other busi-  
11 ness organizations, without regard to whether or not the  
12 activity is carried out independently from any candidate  
13 or political party.

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

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