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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the authority of Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections and to enact public financing systems for political campaigns.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KIM, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
2 States within seven years after the date of its submission
3 for ratification:

4 “ARTICLE —

5 “SECTION 1. Congress and the States may regulate
6 and impose reasonable viewpoint-neutral limitations on the
7 raising and spending of money by candidates and others
8 to influence elections.

9 “SECTION 2. Congress and the States may regulate
10 and enact systems of public campaign financing, including
11 those designed to restrict the influence of private wealth
12 by offsetting the raising and spending of money by can-
13 didates and others to influence elections with increased
14 public funding.

15 “SECTION 3. Congress and the States shall have
16 power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate
17 legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons
18 and corporations or other artificial entities created by law,
19 including by prohibiting such entities from spending
20 money to influence elections.

21 “SECTION 4. Nothing in this article shall be con-
22 strued to grant Congress or the States the power to
23 abridge the freedom of the press.”.