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SSHJR 8: Resolution Relating to Limiting Campaign Expenditures

Many Americans recognize that the ability of large contributions from corporations, unions, and other organizations to political candidates harms the ability of average citizens to have a voice in their own government. Prior to the landmark United States Supreme Court ruling of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), unlimited independent expenditures from corporations and unions was prohibited. Now, corporations and unions can make unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.

Unless the United States Supreme Court reverses this ruling, the only way to undo the harmful effects of these decisions is to amend the Constitution of the United States.

Therefore, this resolution calls upon the Alaska State Legislature to urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to work across party lines and propose a constitutional amendment to prohibit corporations and unions from making unlimited independent expenditures.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.