

AMENDMENT # 3

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: HJR 22 am

By Senator French

1 Page 1, lines 2 - 4:

2 Delete "that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power
3 and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal
4 government officials"
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6 Page 1, line 10, following "government":

7 Insert "and special interests"
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9 Page 2, line 6, following "power;":

10 Insert "and

11 **WHEREAS** a vast majority of Americans recognize that the influence of large
12 contributions by corporations, wealthy individuals, and organizations harms the ability of
13 average citizens to have a voice in their own government; and

14 **WHEREAS** the narrow majority five to four decision of the United States Supreme
15 Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), allows
16 corporations and unions to make unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing
17 a candidate for public office; and

18 **WHEREAS** unlimited independent expenditures from corporations and unions were
19 prohibited until the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal
20 Election Commission; and

21 **WHEREAS** much of the hundreds of millions of dollars being spent by corporations
22 and unions since the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal
23 Election Commission is used for negative ads, which often misinform voters rather than lead

1 to a productive discussion of the states' and nation's most important issues; and

2 **WHEREAS**, unless the United States Supreme Court reverses its ruling, the only way
3 to reverse the harmful effects of the Citizens United ruling is to amend the Constitution of the
4 United States; and

5 **WHEREAS**, while not addressed by the United States Supreme Court's ruling in
6 Citizens United, unlimited independent expenditures made by individuals also distort the
7 political process and ability of all American citizens to have an equal voice in government;"

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9 Page 2, line 9:

10 Delete "sole"

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12 Page 2, lines 10 - 11:

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14 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government
15 officials"