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**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, FOR CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION OF THE STATES RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION REGARDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

Whereas, the founders of the Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, even though the United States Congress established the Federal Election Commission to enforce laws that require public disclosure of campaign finance information, these laws remain in dire need of enforcement at both the federal and state level; and

Whereas, disclosing the sources of political spending helps voters make informed decisions at the ballot box and fosters trust in the political process. This is a crucial component of our democratic system of government; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V, in order to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states restricted to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution regarding campaign finance reform.

Be it further resolved that copies of this application be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives from this State, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

Be it further resolved that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two‑thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

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