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December 14, 2015

The Honorable Karen Haas  
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol, Room H154  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of New Jersey, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2015, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte

Chairman

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 132**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
216th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED AUGUST 11, 2014

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**SYNOPSIS**

Applies to Congress for limited constitutional convention to limit corrupting influence of money in politics and overturn Citizens United decision and related cases.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/24/2015)

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** applying to the Congress of the  
2 United States for the calling of a convention for the limited  
3 purpose of addressing concerns raised by the decision of the  
4 United States Supreme Court in the case of *Citizens United v.*  
5 *Federal Elections Commission* and related cases.

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7 **WHEREAS**, Elections should be free of the corrupting influence of  
8 excessive spending by outside interests and fair enough that any  
9 citizen can run for public office; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Numerous United States Supreme Court decisions have  
11 frustrated the will of the American people by eroding our ability to  
12 choose our political leadership, write our laws, and determine the  
13 fate of our country; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey General Assembly and the New Jersey  
15 State Senate passed Assembly Resolution No. 86 and Senate  
16 Resolution No. 47, respectively, in the 2012-2013 legislative  
17 session; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Those resolutions expressed the Legislature's "strong  
19 opposition to [the] U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United*  
20 *v. Federal Elections Commission* [and called] upon [the] Congress  
21 of the United States to propose amending [the] U.S. Constitution"  
22 to overturn that decision; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Congress has failed to propose, pursuant to Article V of  
24 the United States Constitution, amendments thereto that would  
25 adequately address the concerns expressed in Assembly Resolution  
26 No. 86 and Senate Resolution No. 47; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Article V of the United States Constitution also requires  
28 Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments thereto  
29 upon application by two-thirds of the legislatures of the several  
30 states; and

31 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey believes that there is a great need  
32 for a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution to  
33 address the concerns raised by citizens opposed to the decision of  
34 the Supreme Court in *Citizens United* and related cases, and  
35 believes that such a convention must be limited solely, specifically,  
36 and exclusively to addressing those concerns; and

37 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey believes that the delegates to such  
38 a convention should be selected equally from individuals currently  
39 holding State or local office, or selected by election from each  
40 Congressional district for the purpose of serving as delegates,  
41 though past or present holders of federal elective office should be  
42 prohibited from serving as convention delegates, and the State  
43 should retain the ability to restrict or expand the power of its  
44 delegates within the limits noted above; and

45 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey intends that this be a  
46 continuing application considered together with all other  
47 applications calling for a convention currently pending in other  
48 state legislatures, and all other passed, pending, and future

1 applications with the aforementioned concerns until two-thirds of  
2 the several states have applied for a convention and it is  
3 convened by Congress; now, therefore,  
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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the  
6 General Assembly concurring):  
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8 1. The Legislature of the State of New Jersey makes  
9 application to the Congress of the United States for a convention to  
10 be called under Article V of the Constitution of the United States of  
11 America for the sole, specific and exclusive purpose of proposing  
12 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that would  
13 limit the corrupting influence of money in our political system  
14 including overturning the decision of the United States Supreme  
15 Court in the case of *Citizens United v. Federal Elections*  
16 *Commission* and related cases.  
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18 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
19 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the  
20 Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the  
21 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of  
22 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of  
23 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States  
24 Senate, each Senator and Representative from New Jersey in the  
25 Congress of the United States, the Archivist of the United States  
26 and the respective clerks of the United States House of  
27 Representatives and the United States Senate requesting that they  
28 record this application in the published tally of state petitions for a  
29 convention of the states under Article V of the United States  
30 Constitution, the Governor of each state, and the presiding officer  
31 of each house of each state legislature in the United States.  
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STATEMENT

36 This concurrent resolution makes application to the Congress of  
37 the United States of America for a convention to be called under  
38 Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the sole,  
39 specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the  
40 Constitution of the United States that would limit the corrupting  
41 influence of money in our political system including by overturning  
42 the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of  
43 *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* and related cases.

44 The resolution provides that copies of the resolution are to be  
45 transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice  
46 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States  
47 House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States  
48 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United

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