

1 choose our representatives, and are undermining our democracy; and

2 WHEREAS, Montanans demand that we strengthen our democratic processes here in Montana and
3 across the nation by calling for the reversal of the Citizens United v. FEC ruling's harmful result that
4 corporations' use of money in elections is supposed to be protected in the same way that the free speech of
5 ordinary citizens and persons is protected; and

6 WHEREAS, Montanans passed Initiative Measure No. 166 in 2012 with 75% of the vote and a majority
7 in every county, which asserted that "the people of Montana establish that there should be a level playing field
8 in campaign spending, in part by prohibiting corporate campaign contributions and expenditures and by limiting
9 political spending in elections"; and

10 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure No. 166 asserted that the people of Montana regard money as property
11 and not as free speech and regard the rights under the United States Constitution as rights belonging to human
12 beings; and

13 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure No. 166 called for the Montana Congressional Delegation to act by
14 proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution and for the members of the Montana Legislature to
15 ratify any amendment that is consistent with the initiative; and

16 WHEREAS, Montanans join citizens, organizations, and government entities from all over the country
17 working to ban, by constitutional amendment, corporate contributions to elections and their destructive
18 influence on our state and nation politics.

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20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

21 That the Senate of the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana urges the United States Congress to
22 propose an amendment to the United States Constitution that confirms the authority of government by the
23 people through state and federal law to regulate money in politics, particularly to prohibit corporate campaign
24 contributions and expenditures regarding a candidate or a ballot issue, ensures all citizens have access to the
25 political process by confirming that the rights enumerated in the United States Constitution are retained by the
26 people as natural persons, and confirms that money is not equal to free speech.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Congress should send the amendment to the
28 states for ratification.

