

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROHIBIT THE TRADING OF INDIVIDUAL STOCKS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States expect that their elected representatives act in the public interest and not for personal financial gain; and

WHEREAS, members of the United States Congress have access to sensitive, nonpublic information and wield significant influence over legislation and regulatory actions that can directly impact the stock market and individual companies; and

WHEREAS, public trust in government is undermined when members of Congress engage in stock trading, creating the appearance or reality of conflicts of interest, insider trading, and self-dealing; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting members of Congress and their immediate families from trading individual stocks would strengthen ethical standards, restore public confidence in government institutions, and affirm Congress's commitment to serving the American people above personal financial interests; and

WHEREAS, numerous bipartisan proposals have been introduced in Congress to address this issue, reflecting widespread agreement across the political spectrum that stronger restrictions on congressional stock trading are necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the 69th Legislature of Montana urges the United States Congress to pass a law prohibiting the trading of individual stocks by members of Congress and their immediate families to restore the American people's confidence in government institutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro

1 Tempore of the United States Senate, the United States Senate Majority Leader and Minority Leader, the
2 United States House Majority Leader and Minority Leader, and to each member of the Montana Congressional
3 Delegation.

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