

1 Sponsor House Joint Resolution 48 and a Senate Companion Bill

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3 WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court extended to corporations the constitutional rights of
4 artificial personhood and essentially declared that money was the same as speech;

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6 WHEREAS the United States Constitution makes no mention of corporations or other artificial
7 entities;

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9 WHEREAS full and prompt disclosure of funding sources is essential to an informed electorate,
10 fair elections, and effective governance;

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12 WHEREAS Article V of the United States Constitution empowers the people and the states to use
13 the amendment process to alter decisions made by the Supreme Court;

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15 WHEREAS Initiative 735 is a message from voters to their elected representatives, stating that the
16 voters of the State of Washington "urge the Washington state congressional delegation propose a
17 federal constitutional amendment clarifying that constitutional rights belong only to individuals,
18 not corporations, and constitutionally-protected free speech excludes the spending of money";

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20 WHEREAS the citizens of Washington passed Initiative 735;

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22 WHEREAS members of our Washington State US delegation including Derek Kilmer and Patty
23 Murray endorsed Initiative 735 during the election season;

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25 WHEREAS House Joint Resolution 48 is the only amendment resolution before Congress that
26 addresses the issues in Initiative 735;

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28 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Democrats urge Congressman Derek
29 Kilmer to cosponsor House Joint Resolution 48;

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31 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Democrats urge Senators Maria
32 Cantwell and Patty Murray to sponsor a Senate companion bill to House Joint Resolution 48;

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34 THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Democrats call on the
35 Washington State Democratic Party to urge Washington's US House delegation to cosponsor House
36 Joint Resolution 48, and Washington's US Senators sponsor a companion bill.

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39 County Democrats.

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