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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies, and other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intent and purposes as part of the Constitution when

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
2 States:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The rights enumerated in this Constitu-
5 tion and other rights retained by the people shall be the
6 rights of natural persons.

7 “SECTION 2. As used in this Constitution, the terms
8 ‘people’, ‘person’, and ‘citizen’ shall not include a corpora-
9 tion, a limited liability company, or any other corporate
10 entity established by the laws of any State, the United
11 States, or any foreign state.

12 “SECTION 3. A corporate entity described in section
13 2 shall be subject to such regulation as the people, through
14 representatives in Congress and State representatives,
15 may determine reasonable, consistent with the powers of
16 Congress and the States under this Constitution.

17 “SECTION 4. Nothing in this Constitution shall be
18 construed to limit the rights enumerated in this Constitu-
19 tion and other rights retained by the people, which are
20 unalienable.”.

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