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Senator Fedor

Cosponsors: Senators Kunze, Maharath, Antonio, Craig, Yuko, Williams

A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To urge Congress to pass legislation requiring 1
corporations and labor organizations that make 2
political expenditures to disclose the identities of 3
their donors. 4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, In *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 5
558 U.S. 310 (2010), the Supreme Court of the United States 6
overturned a federal law prohibiting corporations and labor 7
organizations from making independent expenditures concerning 8
election campaigns; and 9

WHEREAS, Since the decision in *Citizens United*, 10
corporations and labor organizations have been able to make 11
unlimited independent expenditures for political purposes using 12
"dark money" from unidentified donors; and 13

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Responsive Politics, 14
these entities have spent approximately one billion dollars in 15
dark money to influence the outcomes of federal elections during 16
the past ten years; and 17

WHEREAS, Congress has yet to act to ensure transparency and 18
accountability in federal election campaigns; now therefore be 19

it 20

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 21
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United 22
States to pass legislation requiring corporations and labor 23
organizations to file full reports with the Federal Election 24
Commission concerning their federal election campaign 25
activities, including the sources of all contributions those 26
entities use to make political expenditures, the recipients of 27
all political contributions those entities make, and all 28
independent expenditures those entities make; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 30
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro 31
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker 32
and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the 33
President of the United States, the members of the Ohio 34
congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 35