



STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN JAMES LEACH (R-IOWA 1977-2007)

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On the first day of the 116th Congress, a cross-partisan group of House members introduced a Constitutional amendment to combat corruption, empower voters over donors, and secure the equal rights of Americans to effective representation and participation in self-government. (Text of the proposed amendment and more background [here](#)).

Former United States Congressman James Leach, a Republican who represented the people of Iowa for two decades, and a member of American Promise's National Advisory Council, issued the following statement:

"It is good to see increasing support in the GOP, as well as the Democratic side, for tackling one of our biggest challenges in the nation: bringing Americans together to pass and ratify a Constitutional amendment to wrest control of our government from big donors and special interests, put power back in the hands of the American people. The American people overwhelmingly support constraints being placed on mega investors, domestic as well as foreign, in our political system. This is an issue of liberty, rather than partisanship. It unites rather than divides the country."

The proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution, H.J. Res. 2, secures the right of Americans to enact laws to regulate spending in elections, reversing the concentration of political influence held by the wealthiest Americans, large corporations, big unions and special interests that have spent billions of dollars in recent elections.

American Promise is the national, cross-partisan leader of the campaign for the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and has thousands of members in every state. American Promise worked closely with lead sponsors of the proposed amendment, Congressmen Ted Deutch (D-FL), John Katko (R-NY), Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Jamie Raskin (D-MD), and is committed to uniting Americans across partisan lines to support ratification of the 28th Amendment.

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