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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 Senator Olympia Snowe, a Republican who represented the people of Maine in Congress for over three decades, and a member of American Promise's National Advisory Council, issued the following statement:

"I am encouraged to see the progress of this proposed Constitutional amendment. We need effective and reasonable regulation of money in our political system to protect the integrity of elections and secure the equal right of all Americans to free speech, representation, and participation in self-government. I commend Congressman John Katko for his leadership in working across the aisle on this effort, and urge other Republicans, as well as Democrats, to join this cross-partisan cause for the good of the nation and our future."

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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