

HCONRES 42

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Supreme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment to the Constitution in the case of Buckley v. Valeo.

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Supreme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment in the case of *Buckley v. Valeo* because the decision failed to recognize: (1) that the unlimited spending of large amounts of money on elections has a corrosive effect on the electoral process not simply because of direct transactions between those who give large amounts of money and candidates and elected officials but because the presence of unlimited amounts of money corrupts the process on a more fundamental level; and (2) other legitimate state interests which justify limiting money in campaigns, including the need to preserve the integrity of our republican form of government, restore public confidence in government, and ensure all citizens a more equal opportunity to participate in the political process.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2550, E411)
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.