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Government Administration and Elections Committee
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House Joint Resolution #3

Support Resolution #3 to overturn Citizen's United:

1. The issue is whether there is a compelling interest to limit speech
2. The Congress and the Court have recognized that speech can be restricted in order to protect the integrity of the electoral process:
 - a. Campaign finance Act of 1971
 - b. Limits campaign contribution affirmed in Buckley v. Valeo
3. The court recognized the limits of these restrictions by saying no limits on issue spending or an individual's use of personal money to finance a campaign
4. Did Citizen's United tilt the balance too much to allow unregulated election speech verse the pernicious effect of money when it pollutes the integrity of elections
5. We believe it does and since we cannot vote the Court out of office, we must as citizens use the democratic route embodied in our constitution (Article V) and that is a constitutional amendment
6. I urge the Connecticut General Assembly to begin the journey to help insure that it is the vote that determines who wins elections and not the size of one's bank account.