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53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PASS THE FIX IT AMERICA CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, there is broad bipartisan support for fair
elections and governance in New Mexico and across the United
States of America; and

WHEREAS, there is agreement on the underlying principle
that the role of money in elections and governance should be
transparent, prevent corruption and protect against the buying
of access to or influence over representatives; and

WHEREAS, there is further recognition that district lines
drawn to intentionally or unduly favor or disfavor a political
party undermine the most basic principles of fairness in
elections and governance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fix it America constitutional

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1 amendment provides:

2 "Section I. Congress and State Legislatures shall
3 regulate the role of money in elections and
4 governance to ensure transparency, prevent
5 corruption, and protect against the buying of access
6 to or influence over representatives. No such
7 regulation shall be deemed in violation of freedom
8 of speech rights in the Constitution of the United
9 States or its Amendments.

10 Section II. Legislative districts or districting
11 plans shall not intentionally or unduly favor or
12 disfavor any political party.";

13 and

14 WHEREAS, the proposed fix it America constitutional
15 amendment expressly empowers congress and state legislatures to
16 maintain fairness when it comes to these issues;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the fix it America constitutional
19 amendment be submitted to the United States congress with a
20 request that it be passed by the required two-thirds' vote and
21 submitted to the states for ratification; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the members of New Mexico's congressional
24 delegation.