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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION 54 OF THE 2023-2024 CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROVE THAT THE RIGHTS PROTECTED AND EXTENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION ARE THE RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS ONLY

Introduced By: Representatives Sanchez, Morales, Henries, Cruz, and Potter

Date Introduced: February 28, 2024

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

1           WHEREAS, The principle of government by and for the people is fundamental to  
2 American values, and the rights of self-governance outlined in the United States Constitution and  
3 Declaration of Independence are essential to securing life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Fair elections are vital to democracy; and

6           WHEREAS, Individuals have basic needs including clean air and water, and food  
7 security; and

8           WHEREAS, Corporations are legal entities created on paper which now possess powers  
9 that can overshadow human rights and community interests; and

10          WHEREAS, The extension of constitutional rights to corporations undermines  
11 democratic principles; and

12          WHEREAS, The Citizens United V. Federal Election Commission decision distorts the  
13 electoral process by giving corporations personhood and undue influence through unlimited  
14 spending; and

15          WHEREAS, Equating money with speech gives unfair advantage to those with wealth;  
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17          WHEREAS, Corporate-owned mass media influences political discourse and civic  
18 engagement; and

1           WHEREAS, Corporations exploit constitutional clauses to override local laws and  
2 undermines community decision-making; and

3           WHEREAS, The Move to Amend campaign seeks to abolish corporate personhood and  
4 money as speech through a constitutional amendment; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
6 respectfully requests that the Rhode Island delegation to the United States Congress support  
7 House Resolution 54 of the 2023-2024 Congress to amend the United States Constitution to  
8 provide that the rights protected and extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons  
9 only; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Rhode Island Congressional  
12 Delegation.

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