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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting
the pardon power of the President.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON
of Georgia, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr.
BEYER, and Mr. ESPAILLAT) submitted the following joint resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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States limiting the pardon power of the President.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “The President shall not have the power to grant par-
3 dons and reprieves to himself or herself, to the President’s
4 brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, spouse, par-
5 ent, child, or grandchild or to the spouse of the President’s
6 grandchild, to the President’s aunt, uncle, nephew or niece
7 or to the spouse of the President’s nephew or niece, or
8 to the President’s first or second cousin, the spouse of the
9 President’s first or second cousin, the President’s mother-
10 in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law, or to
11 any current or former member of the President’s adminis-
12 tration, or to anyone who worked on the President’s presi-
13 dential campaign as a paid employee.”.

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