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

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Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COOPER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United 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 (two-*
3 *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 “(1) himself or herself;

3 “(2) any family member, up to a third degree
4 relation, of the President, or a spouse thereof;

5 “(3) any current or former member of the
6 President’s administration;

7 “(4) any person who worked on the President’s
8 presidential campaign as a paid employee;

9 “(5) any person or entity for an offense that
10 was motivated by a direct and significant personal or
11 pecuniary interest of any of the foregoing persons;
12 or

13 “(6) any person or entity for an offense that
14 was at the direction of, or in coordination with, the
15 President.

16 Any pardon issued for a corrupt purpose shall be invalid.”.

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