

# CANDIDATE CONTRACT U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Commonwealth of  
State of Kentucky Congressional District 03

If I am elected, I, Richard L. Stevenson, offer to my constituents my support for the legislation described in this Contract. I agree to draft and introduce such legislation within my first 365 days in office if similar legislation with similar goals has not yet been drafted or introduced.

## SECTION I: FAIR ELECTIONS

### Article I

#### *Overtune Citizens United v Federal Election Commission \*\**

#### DESCRIPTION:

Only natural persons who have the right to vote shall have the right to make contributions and expenditures to influence the outcome of public elections. \*

\* "Can't Vote, Can't Contribute" covered by The "Equal Political Speech" Amendment.

Introduce legislation for a constitutional amendment overturning the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v Federal Election Commission to enable the Congress and the States to place limitations on political contributions and expenditures. \*

\*Covered by The "Equal Political Speech" Amendment. Joint Resolution. \*\*

Congress and the States shall also have the power to limit corrupting influences on our public elections by imposing requirements ensuring the timely disclosure of contributions and expenditures made to influence the outcome of a public election or ballot issue. \*

\*Covered by The "Equal Political Speech" Amendment. Joint Resolution. \*\*

GOAL:

### "Can't Vote, Can't Contribute"

To limit the corrupting influence of corporations, unions, special interests, and lobbyists on our political system. \*\* Will be introduced in January 2019 if I am elected to Congress.

\*\*<http://cs2pr.us/Rich/StevensonUSHouseJointRes.pdf>

\*\*Web Page: [http://cs2pr.us/Rich/Equal\\_Political\\_Speech.html#Voice](http://cs2pr.us/Rich/Equal_Political_Speech.html#Voice)

**Article II**  
**Public Campaign Financing**

DESCRIPTION:

- Institute a matching donation program for certain small-dollar contributions. rls
- Offer voters a political tax credit to be put toward qualified political campaigns. rls

GOAL:

To prop up the voices of Americans who cannot afford to spend as much on political contributions. \*

\* Covered by "Equal Political Speech" Amendment. Section 3.

\*\*<http://cs2pr.us/Rich/StevensonUSHouseJointRes.pdf>

**Article III**  
**Campaign Finance Reform**

DESCRIPTION:

The following campaign finance reform measures are based on the principle that the right to free speech applies equally to all. \* Covered by "Equal Political Speech" Amendment. Section 2.

\*\*<http://cs2pr.us/Rich/StevensonUSHouseJointRes.pdf>

- Institute limits on contributions made to an issue on the ballot or a candidate for public office. \* Covered by Section 2.
- Institute limits on expenditures advocating for or against any such candidate or for or against an issue on the ballot. \* Covered by Section 2.
- Institute limits on a candidate's own expenditures. \* Covered by Section 2.
- Institute limits on the expenditures for or against an issue on the ballot. \* Covered by Section 2.

GOAL:

To limit the outsized influence of large donors, and to foster elections that represent a variety of viewpoints and allow candidates and issues (i.e. initiatives and referendums) to compete on a level playing field.

\* Covered by "Equal Political Speech" Amendment. Section 2.

\*\*<http://cs2pr.us/Rich/StevensonUSHouseJointRes.pdf>

## SECTION II: ANTI-CORRUPTION

### Article I

#### Seven-Year Employment Ban for Firms That Employ Lobbyists

DESCRIPTION:

Members of Congress must wait seven years after leaving office before they can accept employment, or payment for any services performed, from any firm that engages in or contributes to lobbying activities. \*\*

GOAL:

To remove institutionalized incentives for corruption in our political system.

**\*\*Comment:** Should be a lifetime ban for elected Congresspersons and for all Congressional Staff members. The conflict of interest remains for a lifetime. Likewise, career lobbyists should not run for public office. rls

### Article II

#### End Partisan Gerrymandering

DESCRIPTION:

Require states to form non-partisan, independent commissions to create an algorithm to draw legislative districts after each census for the task of redistricting. The algorithm must draw optimally compact, equal-population congressional districts that respect the boundaries of census blocks, the smallest geographic units used by the Census Bureau. \*\*

GOAL:

To allow voters to choose their politicians instead of politicians choosing their voters.

**\*\* Should be controlled by independent commissions outside the influence of State Legislatures or political parties. rls**

## **SECTION III: TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **Article I**

#### **Full-Time Public Servants**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Members of Congress will be held accountable to working\* at least 40 hours per week on Congressional business and allowed only four weeks of paid vacation per year. Members of Congress will be required to keep a detailed record of how they spend their time, and make this record contemporaneously available to their constituents. Pay will be docked for hours not worked.

**Time spent on the floor in the house constitutes work also. rls**

**GOAL:**

To get more out of our Congress, and foster public trust in government.

**Drafting legislation outside official House sessions also constitutes work. rls**

\*Town-halls and meetings with constituents constitute work. Campaigning and fundraising must be done on a member's own time.

## Article II

### Tie Congressional Salaries to the National Median Income

#### DESCRIPTION:

Currently, the base pay for a rank-and-file member of Congress is \$174,000 per year, which equates to about 330% of the national median income (~\$52,000 per year). This clause would lock in that percentage including cost of living adjustments.

#### GOAL:

To institute performance-based salaries that members of Congress cannot raise on their own. This way, if members of Congress want to raise their own pay, they will only be able to do so by adopting policies that increase the pay of regular people. In this case, for every dollar that the national median income increases or decreases, congressional pay increases or decreases by \$3.30.

I agree wholeheartedly with this measure. Congresspersons should not be able to control the level of their own pay. This would be a reasonable and needed constraint. rls

By signing below, I, Richard L. Stevenson, agree to draft and introduce legislation as described in Sections I, II, and III of this Contract within my first 365 days in office if similar legislation with similar goals has not yet been drafted or introduced. I agree to support and vote for any such legislation that has already been introduced.

This entire agreement constitutes a legally-binding contract between myself and that class of citizens who will be my constituents, should I be elected. If I violate the above-stated terms of this agreement, I will tender on the 366<sup>th</sup> day after taking the oath of office, my unconditional resignation from the United States House of Representatives.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Web Pages: <http://cs2pr.us/Rich/#HowYouWin>

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