

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.152

Reps. Sowerby, LaGrand, Love, Hope, Pohutsky, Sneller, Stone, Ellison, Bolden, Pagan, Elder, Haadsma, Kuppa, Manoogian, Rabhi, Anthony, Gay-Dagnogo, Hood, Brixie, Lasinski, Shannon, Howell, Marino, Wozniak, Eisen and Brann offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to urge the President of the United States to  
2       nominate commissioners to fill the vacancies on the Federal  
3       Election Commission.

4       Whereas, A strong campaign finance enforcement system is vital  
5       to democracy. The administration of campaign finance laws and  
6       regulations helps ensure transparency and accountability in our  
7       elections and government; and

8       Whereas, The Federal Election Commission (FEC), led by six  
9       commissioners that may not include more than three people from the  
10      same political party, is charged with administering federal



1 campaign finance law. With jurisdiction over the U.S. House,  
2 Senate, and presidential elections, the FEC deals with the  
3 disclosure of campaign funds and the enforcement of limits to  
4 contributions and expenditures. The FEC is necessary to having  
5 integrity, transparency, and accountability in the federal campaign  
6 finance system; and

7       Whereas, Beginning September 2019, the FEC will have three  
8 vacancies on its six-member commission, leaving the body without a  
9 quorum to conduct much of its important business. The commission  
10 will not be able to hold meetings, engage in rulemaking, decide  
11 enforcement matters, and carry out other critical functions. While  
12 the FEC will still function in some capacity, it will be  
13 significantly limited without a quorum on its board of  
14 commissioners; now, therefore, be it

15       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the  
16 President of the United States to nominate commissioners to fill  
17 the vacancies on the Federal Election Commission; and be it further

18       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
19 President of the United States.