



TAKE ACTION!

Your state legislators need to hear from you on the
2019-2020 Campaign Integrity Package

SUPPORT Senator Chris Larson's *Campaign Integrity Package* – eight proposals that would go a long way toward rectifying the disaster that occurred in 2015 when Republicans totally rewrote our campaign finance law, and which now is actually bankrupting our democracy.

CONTACT your state senator and state representative and ask that they co-sponsor and champion the urgent changes to our campaign finance system in the *Campaign Integrity Package* of reforms. Ask them to also back public hearings to move the proposals forward so we all can have an equal say in our democracy.

- **Senate Bill 75 - “The Sensible Limits Act”:** *This proposal limits contributions to PACs, legislative campaign committees, and political parties to no more than \$10,000, with the exception of a candidate contributing his or her personal funds to his or her own candidate committee.* The proposal also prohibits political parties and legislative campaign committees from establishing a segregated fund to use for general purposes, eliminating the segregated fund shell game that has allowed these groups to avoid donation limits. (Sen. Larson/Rep. Sargent)
- **Senate Bill 76 – “Restoring Reasonable Limit Act”:** *This proposal will decrease the individual and candidate committee contribution limit from \$20,000 to \$10,000 for statewide candidates.* (Sen. Larson/Rep. Sargent)
- **Senate Bill 77 – “Special Interests Limitation Act”:** *This proposal reduces by half the donation limits on political action committee contributions to candidates.* The limits under the proposal are generally the same as those that applied to political action committee contributions prior to the 2016 legislation that radically increased the financial influence of special interest groups and their political action committees. (Sen. Larson/Rep. Sinicki)
- **Senate Bill 78 – “Closing the PAC Loophole Act”:** *This proposal closes a loophole in the legal definition of a PAC that groups use to bypass donation limits.* Currently, a political action committee is defined as a person, other than an individual, that either has express advocacy as its major purpose or spends more than 50% of its total spending in a 12-month period on expenditures are made to support or defeat a referendum or contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign committee, or political party. This proposal defines a political action committee, for campaign finance purposes, as a committee that includes a person, other than an individual, that spends more than \$1,000 in a 12-month period on expenditures for express advocacy or any other aforementioned purposes. (Sen. Larson/Rep. Anderson)

- **LRB-1092 – “Communications Transparency Act”:** *This proposal requires reporting of mass communications and communication coordination within 48 hours of the mass communications, provided the disbursement for the mass communications exceed \$500 and the mass communications are made within 60 days of a primary or election. This proposal also provides a definition for mass communication related to campaigns and requires so-called “dark money” groups to disclose the names of their donors who have given \$100 or more in the preceding 12 months. (Sen. Larson)*
- **Senate Bill 79 – “Coordination Control Act”:** *This proposal places the same financial limits on coordinated expenditures between candidates and groups as are currently in place for direct contributions. Allowing unchecked coordinated campaign expenditures circumvents campaign donation limits, invites corruption, as well as fosters immense special interest influence. (Sen. Larson/Rep. Anderson)*
- **Senate Bill 80 – “No Corporate Campaign Bribes Act”:** *This proposal prohibits a corporation, cooperative association, labor organization, or federally recognized American Indian Tribe from making contributions to segregated funds established and administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee. This closes the segregated fund shell game loophole used to funnel additional money to committees. (Sen. Larson/Rep. Brostoff)*
- **Senate Bill 81 – “Contribution Sunshine Act”:** *This proposal requires any committee that receives campaign finance contributions of more than \$100 cumulatively from an individual to report that individual’s place of employment and occupation, if any. Current Wisconsin law does not require the disclosure of any donor’s place of employment; furthermore, current law only requires the reporting of the donor’s occupation at the \$200 and up level. (Sen. Larson/Rep. Brostoff)*
- **LRB-1319 – “Stop Unlimited Contributions Act”** *This proposal will limit contributions that an Individual can make to a political party or legislative campaign committee as well as limiting the transfer of funds between these entities. This proposal combines some of the elements of other components of the Campaign Integrity Package and is part a wide ranging set of good government proposals that the State Assembly Democrats are introducing. (Rep. Sargent/Sen. Larson)*

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