

To: Government Administrations and Elections Committee

Re: Public Hearing, March 26, 2015

I am writing to express my support for SB 1126, An Act Concerning Revisions to Campaign Finance Law. We need to stop "dark money " from outside groups into CT elections. I understand this bill would separate truly independent expenditures (which can be unlimited under Citizens United) from spending that is actually coordinated in one way or another with the candidate or committees. We also need to require disclosure of the source of large money coming into CT elections campaigns through intermediary organizations.

The unaccountable flow of money in elections, which was unleashed through Citizens United and related court decisions, is a national disgrace. Connecticut should take the lead in showing how states can control dark money and thereby have fairer elections.

Sincerely,

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