

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE LES GARA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Lynn and State Affairs Committee Members
FROM: Representative Les Gara
DATE: February 17, 2012
RE: HJR 33

Dear Chair Lynn and Committee Members:

We have crafted a proposed Committee Substitute to HJR 33 to make the following changes requested by Reps. Seaton and Johansen.

We have deleted the reference to limiting contributions by “individuals” as Reps. Johansen and Seaton have requested.

We have added the word “union” to the first whereas, as requested by Rep. Johansen, and deleted the “narrow five to four” reference to the Supreme Court *Citizens United* decision.

We have deleted the final whereas which referenced distortion of the political process.

We have made clear in the “Be It Resolved” section that we are only addressing “independent expenditures supporting or opposing candidates for public office” per the discussion between Reps. Seaton and Gruenberg.

I cannot speak for the committee members, or how they will vote, but these seemed to be the proposals the committee showed substantial support for during the last hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Rep. Les Gara