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My name is Mike Coons from Wasilla and speaking for myself.

I oppose HB 16.

First and most importantly, this is in violation of our 1st Amendment rights. This violates the Citizens United and Thompson vs Hebdon Supreme Court and 9th Circuit rulings on this issue.

Second, what is a nongroup entity? Will this disallow me to support a candidate along with like minded people in an informal group?

Third, this does nothing as to outside organizations whom out spent 1000 to 1 the repeal Rank Choice Voting petition. Does this allow outside of Alaska groups and/or individuals to treat our elections as a cheap date and contribute thousands to say the Senator from District H?

Fourth, this violates our right to support organizations, including the Alaska Republican Party whom then help conservative candidates. How do the Democrat voters feel about being restricted in their contributions to the Democrat Party?

Lastly, this does nothing as to the mega donors for Federal elections. Those Federal elections are for our House seat and two Senators, all of whom are directly responsible to support Alaskans and all of Alaska, same as this legislature.

In my opinion the sponsors of this bill are afraid of people like Elon Musk, the Republican National Committee, the Alaska Republican Party, whom has a much stronger leader, as well as others with deep pockets, both in and outside of Alaska. The sponsors of this bill are willing to violate the 1st Amendment rights of all Alaskans to stop the Republican party effectively winning seats, yet potentially leaving open the Democrats to contribute without any restrictions for their candidates and causes. If not, I am sure Democrat donors will not be happy with this!

The Executive Order by President Trump on elections does far more for election integrity than what this slim Democrat/RINO majority has ever done or willing to do!

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