

Stuart Relay

From: Dael Devenport [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:29 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Yes on HB 16 Campaign Finance Reform

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Vote YES on HB 16 the bill that prevents unlimited amounts of money to campaigns in Alaska and limits campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person.

Thank you!

Dael Devenport (pronounced: *DAY-el*, pronouns: *she/they*)

Anchorage, AK

With compassion for all beings

I've [pledged to give ten percent of my income](#) to [effective charities](#)

Stuart Relay

From: Karen Leis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:26 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign Contribution Limit

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Hello,

I wish to tell you that I am in Favor of HB-16 which would limit an individual to \$2,000 in contributions in an election cycle.

Thank you,

Karen Leis
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99501

Stuart Relay

From: Carroll Knutson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:43 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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I support HB 16 to limit campaign contributions to \$2,000. The amount of money involved in political campaigns today serves to shut out the majority of citizens, creates endless campaign seasons and limits participation in our government to only the wealthy. Please pass the important legislation.

Carroll M. Brookman

Anchorage, Ak.

Sent from my iPad

Stuart Relay

From: Dave Frey [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:32 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign Finance Limits

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I strongly support HB16, which places a reasonable \$2,000 per election cycle limit on campaign contributions. This bill also has a smart provision for adjusting this limit periodically to account for inflation. I urge the House to pass this bill without delay.

Sincerely,
David E Frey
Fairbanks Voter

Stuart Relay

From: Penny Goodstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:19 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Sen. James Kaufman; Rep. Julie Coulombe
Subject: Campaign finance reform

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I support the campaign finance bill HR 16.

We are threatened with unlimited political contributions directly to candidates from anyone, anywhere in the country. House Bill 16 provides for fair, reasonable, and constitutional campaign contribution limits to ensure these limits remain constitutional. I understand that in 2021, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Alaska's statutory campaign contribution limits, stating problems with the requirements. This bill will correct the discrepancies.

We are seeing one billionaire buy elections in this country. He has unlimited funds to provide advertising and other benefits for the people he supports, and those people include people running in state and Federal elections. We do NOT want that here!

Penny Goodstein
Anchorage, AK

Stuart Relay

From: Anne Billman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:16 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - please limit campaign contributions

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I support limiting campaign contributions. Elections shouldn't be for sale.

Thank you.

Anne Billman

9700 Prospect drive

Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: nikki moser-johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:38 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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I support HB 16, limiting campaign contributions.

Nikk D. Johnson
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99504

Stuart Relay

From: Peter Dunlap-Shohl [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:23 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Testimony on campaign spending limits bill

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Hello, I am writing to support the limit on campaign contributions to \$2,000. The unlimited power of those rich enough to contribute massive amounts of money to a campaign leaves the rest of us to become cynical about government which appears to serve the highest bidder. The equation money=speech is not the way to build a strong democracy. It is the slippery slope that descends to Oligarchy. and Oligarchy= kakistocracy.

Thank you,

Peter Dunlap-Shohl

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"It is the work of the creative to be a prosthetic
imagination for the distracted and the dull" ~ Maxwell
Hubert Maxwell, playwright, butterfly collector,
amateur surgeon and snob

Stuart Relay

From: Daniel Weber [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:12 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: STRONGLY support HB 16

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Daniel Weber
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: G Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:45 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Strong support for HB 16

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Good evening,
Our elections must be free of undue influence from big money from any individual persons.
Please support HB 16 and
reinstate campaign contribution limits in Alaska.

Thank you,
Gretchen Nelson
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:16 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: 'David Karalunas'
Subject: HB 16 Public Testimony in SUPPORT

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This is in support of re-instating campaign contribution limits. If we really want democracy of the people, by the people and for the people, rather than a democracy of the wealthy, by the wealthy and for the wealthy, it seems that campaign finance limits will be the only way to achieve that goal.

Pam Karalunas
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517

Stuart Relay

From: Karl Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:29 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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We strongly support House Bill 16 regarding campaign finance reform!
Thank you.

Karl Becker and Nancy Bird
[REDACTED] Cordova, AK 99574

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:19 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Calvin Schrage
Subject: HB 16

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I am writing to voice my support for HB 16. We need reasonable contribution limits to keep the extremely wealthy from overwhelming the voice of ordinary middle-class Alaskans. The limits in HB 16 are reasonable limits. It is also a good idea to have the limits adjust every decade based on the CPI, as this bill does. I strongly urge you to pass this legislation.

Neil O'Donnell

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 4:35 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 support

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I support reinstating campaign contribution limits. It just makes sense to stop the ability of wealthy donors to purchase elections. Let's lower the playing field so more candidates have an opportunity to run for various offices.

Frank Lahr

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 3:47 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 testimony in favor

Importance: High

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To the Chair and Members of the House State Affairs Committee

Dear Representatives,

I write today in support of HB 16 and its' laudable goal to bring urgently-needed change to Alaska's elections. The impact of unlimited money on our elections delivers massive influence to well-funded outsiders with an interest in controlling our state and its people.

Alaskans must determine our own direction, and not be "saddled and suffering" under the whims of those with limitless funding. Since before Statehood, Alaskans have fought for self-determination, and the impacts of big money on Alaskan politics suppress the voices of average voters, and skews public policy to work against the people of our state.

I am thrilled that this issue is being moved forward and I heartily support such change.

Sincerely,

Robert Curtis-Johnson
Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: Penny Wingo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:53 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Limit campaign contributions

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I have lived in Alaska for 43 years. I am strongly in favor of limiting campaign contributions to \$2000 per person per race.

Thanks
Penelope B Wingo

Stuart Relay

From: Susan Niman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:51 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Hi folks of the Alaska Legislature and governor. I am so enthusiastic about being able to support House Bill 16!!! IT is way past time to limit election contributions to 2000,\$ per election cycle. Wealthy people, who put more than that each election cycle, seem to have risen to undeclared positions of influence with candidates they are able top donate great amounts of m money towards in an election cycle.

So, add my name, to I hope many, who are asking you, the HOUSE to plow this bill ahead and vote YES YES. To HM 16, and limit those election contributions each election cycle per individual to two thousand dollars.

Thank you so much.

Susan Leslie Niman
[REDACTED]
Anchorage Alaska 99508

Stuart Relay

From: William Gehler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:51 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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Please support HB 16 and (at least begin to) get some reasonable rules in place for Alaska's election financing. We are a disgraceful example of being able to buy an election. Citizen United should also be repealed. I am ashamed of America's unchecked greed and commercialization of one of our foundational rights - the right of all Americans to express their voices through voting no matter their financial capacity.

Jan and Bill Gehler
Anchorage
Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED] Sandra Modica [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:44 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign contribution limits HB 16.

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Please pass this bill. All we have to do is look at our National Politics to see a huge donor influence the government.

MAKE THIS LAW

Stuart Relay

From: Kate Graber [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:42 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: House State Affairs
Subject: Testimony for HB16 Campaign Finance Reform Bill

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Hello,

We are writing to testify in favor of House Bill 16 Campaign Finance Reform.

Currently, the State of Alaska campaign contributions have no limit on what a donor can give. Donors could currently give so much money to candidates that a candidate could feel obligated to the donor(s).

Special interest groups and individuals with deep pockets have an unfair advantage that undermines equal representation of constituents.

Campaign contribution limits will level the field for candidates to compete equally running on what they stand for rather than how much money they have to spend for commercials, signs, and employees. We believe it may actually shorten the length of campaigns that leave everyone exhausted.

As we understand it the Supreme Court decision, *Buckley v. Valeo*, does not support the unlimited amount of money allowed for campaign contributions in Alaska now. The issue was what constitutes free speech and it does not involve money. The amount must be reasonable. Unlimited is unreasonable. There are serious struggles maintaining ethics when unlimited money is available as we have seen in this state and in our country.

We are so tired of outside interest groups being unfairly represented in our state. We believe that passing this bill would greatly help Alaskans in the future to be the ones who choose our direction.

Let's save Alaska. We request that the house pass this bill this term.

Sincerely,

Darrell and Kate Graber
[REDACTED]
Palmer, Alaska 99645

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Mel Lynn [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:30 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: LIMIT CONTRIBUTIONS

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To Whom It May Concern,

I absolutely support HB16! Campaigns should be equal! No candidate should be more likely to be elected b/c they have more funding from wealthy contributors!

Regards,
Melissa Owens Goff
Sitka, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: DAVE JOHNSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:27 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: I support HB 16

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Hello,

I think we should limit political contributions, I don't think it's healthy for my state to allow some very rich individuals to have oversized influence.

Thanks

Dave Johnson
Anchorage Am

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Stuart Relay

From: Barb Rodes [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:18 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Please vote to pass HB 16 to return Alaskan elections to the power of Alaskans. This imperfect bill can be expanded to include advertisement and other media from political groups. Please vote for the best interest of Alaskans, and turn around politics in our state.

Barbara Rodes

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, Ak
99501

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:10 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform Bill

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Dear Legislators,

I support HB 16 limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle. Please vote YES on HB 16.

Thank you,

Robin Dale Ford
Fairbanks, AK 99710

Stuart Relay

From: Brian Webb [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:00 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Calvin Schrage
Subject: HB 16 - Support for Bill

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Greetings to the Chairs and members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 16, which seeks to lower and set limits on campaign contributions in Alaska. As the hearings unfold, I want to share my perspective on why this bill is essential for the integrity of our political process.

While I personally contribute sparingly to campaigns, I have grown increasingly frustrated by the overwhelming influence of those who can afford to pour vast amounts of money into elections. Since the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United*, which granted corporations and other entities the same rights as individuals, the balance of political power has tipped further away from ordinary Alaskans. With Alaska's changes to campaign contribution limits, the voices of everyday people like me have been drowned out by the interests of the wealthy, powerful, and those in the shadows.

Now, we are witnessing an alarming trend in our local elections, particularly for positions like the Anchorage School Board, where historic amounts of money are being funneled into campaigns. It's clear that our system is broken, and something must be done to restore fairness and transparency.

I see several key points that make HB 16 a step in the right direction:

1. **Restoring Reasonable Contribution Limits:** While I personally preferred the old \$500 contribution cap, I acknowledge that the courts have ruled otherwise. The current proposal offers a balanced approach that helps ensure no candidate—whether incumbent or challenger—is given an unfair advantage based on financial resources alone.
2. **Avoiding Favoritism Toward Incumbents:** I have considered the possibility that even lower contribution limits could inadvertently benefit incumbents. However, I believe HB 16 strikes a fair balance that doesn't overly favor either incumbents or challengers, especially in a world where deep-pocketed donors often have the final say.
3. **Ending the Influence of Dark Money:** One of the most concerning aspects of our current system is the way that "dark money" continues to obscure the true sources of campaign funding. HB 16 must ensure that all contributions are fully transparent, and that special interest groups can no longer launder money through opaque channels. This bill must prioritize accountability and transparency if it is to be truly effective.

Many of us who can only afford to make modest contributions recognize that the political landscape in Alaska is dominated by mega-donors and outside interests. Our voices are often lost in the noise created by the flood of money pouring into campaigns. HB 16 offers a chance to level the playing field, giving all Alaskans the ability to be heard over the clamor of money and influence.

Finally, I believe this bill will empower new candidates—those without access to the wealth of mega-donors—to run for office. In many cases, it may be time for incumbents to face challenges and, in some cases, retire. A more **balanced** campaign finance system will allow more voices to be heard, ultimately making our democracy stronger and more representative.

I urge you to support HB 16. Change is overdue, and this bill represents an important step toward a fairer, more transparent political system in Alaska.

Brian

BRIAN L. WEBB

Anchorage, Alaska



"Graveyards are full of indispensable men"- Charles de Gaulle, unknown Don't let it be from preventable death and don't lose the human dignity in suffering for the statistic!

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Dear House State Affairs Committee,

Please vote in favor of HB 16. We need campaign contribution limits. You can see from the federal system, where we can end up if there are no limits. Oligarchy resulting from rich people buying votes.

So far in Alaska, we have a local and state (mostly) government that are run by the people , for the people. We need this bill to keep it that way.

Thanks,
-- Martha

Martha Raynolds

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Elizabeth [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:57 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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To whom it may concern:

I am constituent from Chugiak and am writing in support of campaign finance reform.

This bill will help ensure that candidates are not bought but are representing the people who elect them, a cause I think most Alaskans agree on.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best
Beth Little

Stuart Relay

From: Lila Vogt [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:53 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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I am 100% in favor of limiting campaign contributions! This is a no brainer in a democracy. Please support this effort to minimize money in elections.

Respectfully,

Lila Vogt

Lila Vogt
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517
[REDACTED]

"Poetry is a way of remembering what it would impoverish us to forget." –Robert Frost

Stuart Relay

From: Mel Langdon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:45 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 16

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Dear representatives,

I support HB 16. Thank you for bringing it forward.

We must get big money out of Alaska politics.

1. Money should not equal speech. Under the current situation, those who have access to more money have louder voices. (Although this is not the case in all of the political races, referendums, and propositions.) This levels the playing field for all political parties.
2. In some recent races, there was so much money floating around, the candidates couldn't spend it fast enough! This led to mailboxes stuffed with junk mail. More importantly, it leaves the door open to graft and corruption.

I urge you to pass HB16 and limit what political candidates can receive for their contests.

Sincerely,
Mel Langdon
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Linda O'Bannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:41 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Please pass this bill. I am in favor of campaign donation limits. I believe \$2000 is a reasonable limit.

Thank you,
Linda O'Bannon

Stuart Relay

From: David Karalunas [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:41 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Pam Karalunas
Subject: HB 16 Public Testimony in SUPPORT

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Please pass HB 16 to te-establish campaign contribution limits.

Thank you,

David Karalunas

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517
Sent from my iPhone

POP: Public Opportunity for Participation
Saturday!

Testify on HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform

HB 16 - Campaign Contribution Limits

PUBLIC TESTIMONY TOMORROW

1:00 PM Saturday, March 29th

HOW TO TESTIFY

Email:

hsta@akleg.gov

Phone:

Juneau (907) 586-9085

Anchorage (907) 563-9085

Everywhere Else (844) 586-9085

Currently, individuals can contribute an unlimited amount of money to a candidate's campaign.

Stuart Relay

From: Linda Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:40 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 is essential legislation

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Please support and vote for this bill.

Linda Cooper
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Ak 99515

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Cooper

Stuart Relay

From: Leon J. [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:40 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Statement in Support of HB16

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Hello,
Thank you for hearing this bill.
I am following up on my earlier comments on the phone.

I support campaign finance reform and encourage the committee to move this out of committee with a recommendation to pass this bill.

Our government is supposed to be by and for the people, and not by and for the billionaires.

I think that we can all agree that removing the ability for groups to dump unlimited money into our elections.

This bill helps ensure that candidates cannot be bought by the highest bidder and that they have a stronger interest in campaigning to and for the interests of their constituents.

Thank you for your consideration!

Leon Jaimes [mobile]
Anchorage, AK
99508 HD20

Stuart Relay

From: Tara Swanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:14 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Good afternoon,

I am emailing in support of House Bill 16 to limit campaign finance contributions to \$2,000 per individual. Unbridled financial contributions to political candidates have injected our government systems with inequity due to the role that wealthy individuals have begun to play in our politics and democracy. If this country was built for the "people" then structures should be in place to ensure that common voters - the middle class/lower class - maintain political representation.

Wealth is overrepresented in our politics - more than our shared values and that is a huge problem. One step to confront this issue is to limit financial contributions, which is exactly what HB 16 aims to do.

Thank you for your time.

Tara Swanson
Seward, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:13 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: campaign contributions

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Please vote for limiting campaign contribution to under \$2,000. No one rich person should be able to dump large amounts of money into a campaign.

thank you

Stuart Relay

From: Diana Sparacino [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:11 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Ashley Carrick
Subject: HB16 (HB39, HB2, HB69)

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Dear House State Affairs,

I am writing to express my FULL support for HB16, Campaign Contributions Limits. Let's make elections equitable and not based on wealth, but about candidates again! I think we have seen where 'buying' elections, or elections going to the highest contributing party leads. While the Citizens United decision has tainted our national elections, and seeks to persuade the voting public through financial means, we in Alaska can start to put the brakes on campaign financing.

I think we can all agree that campaign financing has gotten ridiculously out of hand on every political level.

Please get this done, it's important for Alaska.

I also want to add a few words on HB39 and HB2. These bills are common sense, humane, and attempt to make lives a bit better for the constituency they encompass. HB39 tells the hearing impaired in a formal way we see them and work to make their lives better. HB2 tells the non-violent, incarcerated individuals, as a state, we are willing to help promote their reform and growth.

I have previously testified my comments in writing for HB69. My support has not wavered. In fact with recent federal funding cuts that have reached or will reach the state, this moderate change to education funding is a no brainer for the health of our schools statewide, and therefore our state, writ large.

Sincerely,
Diana Sparacino
Fairbanks, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Jim Kammermeyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:10 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16. Vote Yes!

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I believe this bill is a good start to limiting campaign funding for all levels of political necessity. We don't need billionaires funding people for office in Alaska or in the Federal Government. The limit of \$2000 per individual, per corporation (which some believe are people), per union group, per PAC, or any other voting bloc.

Thank you,
James Kammermeyer
Registered Alaska Voter and Alaska resident since 1969

Stuart Relay

From: Laurie Walton [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:07 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HS

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I am in favor of HS 16
Please limit campaign contributions to \$2,000.00 per person per cycle.

Laurie Walton
675 Gold Vein Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99712

Laurie Walton

"The best way out is always through" - *Robert Frost*

Empowerment Coach

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Dela Grey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:03 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign finance reform

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The citizens of Alaska voted before to limit campaign contributions because we know money is the root of our political problems. Unlimited donations means that those with the least money to spare have the least voice. That's not free speech, it's extremely expensive speech. Please support sensible limits on political campaign contributions to bring candidates back down to a more level playing field. Hear the People'

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Delena Grey
East Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: Pili Goddard-Vaughan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:59 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Hello folks,

I strongly encourage and support a bill that would limit contributions to campaigns to \$2000. I feel like this would even the playing field and not just have our elections be about the “one with the most funds wins.” Funds to campaigns do not translate to politicians that have Alaskans best interest in mind, or ones that are really interested in representing and serving their constituents. Let’s bring public service back into politics please.

Regards,
Anna Pilar Goddard-Vaughan

Stuart Relay

From: Angela Imholt [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:50 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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Hello, I'm a little late on this but I would like to express my support for this bill. Our federal government was just bought by a billionaire. Our state elections always have outsiders giving huge donations as well. It is way past time for campaign contribution limits! Thank you for your time. Angie Imholt

Stuart Relay

From: Vivian Mendenhall [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:34 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Testimony on HB 16

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Please consider my testimony at your hearing on March 29. I am a resident and registered voter in Alaska.

I have read the draft bill, and I strongly support the \$2,000 limit on personal contributions to election campaigns in Alaska.

However, I am hoping that the bill will include limits on **contributions by corporations**, including those incorporated in Alaska. The draft bill includes many mentions of "groups," but it's not clear to me whether corporations are included.

The fiscal resources of corporations can give them a huge influence on elections. And this makes people feel that **their own votes really don't count**.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

—Vivian Mendenhall
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99516, USA
[REDACTED]

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Stuart Relay

From: Kevin Banks [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:26 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 Campaign Contribution Limits

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Dear Members of the House State Affairs Committee:

I wish to offer my support in favor of passage of HB 16. Too long the State of Alaska has seen the decline of the participation of ordinary citizens in the political process. We have been edged out and overwhelmed by the wave of big money flowing into Juneau in every election

With the virtual no-limits to campaign funding comes the potential for corrupting influence in our government. Most of our representatives in the legislature are honest, hard-working and serve for the people. But it only takes a very few bad actors working in the shadows of hidden funding schemes to undermine the good work in Juneau.

Please vote to move passage of HB 16. Bring back the trust that has been the hallmark of our exceptional State of Alaska government. You owe it to those of us who vote, not just to those whose pockets are deep

Thank you for your service.

Kevin Banks
Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: Jan Carolyn Hardy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:21 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Jan Carolyn Hardy
Subject: HB 16 testimony

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Honorable Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

This is Jan Carolyn Hardy, Alaska AFSCME Retiree Chapter President, speaking in favor of HB 16. Campaign Contribution Limits.

The lack of campaign contribution limits has created new opportunity for special access, tax breaks, and undue influence by the wealthy. One only needs to look at the current situation in Washington to see that practice in effect.

We need to get big money out of politics. Every voter has one vote, but when that vote is colored by size of the contribution, that is where one vote speaks louder than the other.

We also need to open the field for a wider range of candidates. We need candidates who reflect their constituency. Those very people, the tax payers, who fund the government, without whom the Treasury would be broke. In order to give the electorate a fair chance against wealthy concerns, it is vital to have Campaign Contribution Limits.

No one should be able to purchase a seat in the legislature.

In Solidarity,

Jan Carolyn Hardy

Tikkun Olam,

Jan Carolyn Hardy

Alaska AFSCME Retiree Chapter 52, Executive Board President

ASEA/AFSCME PAC, Director, District 15

Anchorage Area Central Labor Council, Member

Alaska AFL-CIO, Vice President

Alaskans 4 Posterity, Board Member



Theology defines what is possible in our lives. Rabbi Kari Tuling

No one is free until everyone is free. Maya Angelou

Silence is complicity. Joseph R. Biden

*Everyone does better when **everyone** does better.* Eleanor Roosevelt

Please spay or neuter your pets!

If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair. Shirley Chisolm

Days are like scrolls: write on them only what you want Remembered. Bachya ibn Pakuda

AM YISRAEL CHAI
The Nation of Israel Lives

Stuart Relay

From: Deedie Sorensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:20 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I support a \$2,000 individual contribution limit per campaign per election cycle. Watching Elon Musk spending millions to by elect4ions all over the country abhorrent.

Deedie Sorensen
Juneau, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Paul Ortner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:20 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Limiting campaign contributions

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Please support limiting campaign contributions to \$2000 per campaign cycle. I have lived here for 63 years and it breaks my heart to see how we have lost our elections to people and cooperations that overwhelm the voice of the people with millions of dollars. The state is not better for it when lawmakers feel that they need to serve those large contributors rather than the people of the state.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Regards,
Paul Ortner

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Stuart Relay

From: Jane Button <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:16 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Yes on Campaign Contribution Limits

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I am writing in support of HB 16, campaign contribution limits.

Please pass this important legislation, our government should not be for sale to the highest bidder.

Thank you for your service,

—Jane Button

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
907-723-8514

Stuart Relay

From: Pat McDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:13 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16 Campaign reform

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All,
The oligarchs owning the country has to stop! In Alaska, not only should there be a limit to the amount, but money flooding in from outside the state also needs to stop. It feels like Alaska can be bought.

I hope HB16 not only passes, but becomes the beginning of an extensive review of our election processes to let everyone have an equal voice, not just those with money or those who have political connections.

Pat McDonald
(Fairbanks resident and voter since 1974)

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Mary Weiss [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:11 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: in favor of HB 16

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I support house bill 16 that would restrict donations to political campaigns. We see so many instances of huge amounts of money being contributed by a few wealthy donors that in effect overwhelm grassroots influence and "buys an election win". Please pass this bill so that people who do not have megamillions can still have some influence in our democratic election process.

Thank you

Mary T. Weiss

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Elizabeth Belgard O'Malley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:56 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: I support HB 16 to limit campaign contributions!

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Elizabeth Belgard O'Malley
Anchorage AK

Stuart Relay

From: Peg Tileston [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:54 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Thanks you for the opportunity to express my support the HB 16.

It is so important that campaign contributions be limited in order to keep them from being controlled by those with deep pockets.

Our vote is a precious right given to us by both the U.S. and Alaska Constitutions and we must make sure it is not weakened by large amounts of money poured into campaigns by a few individuals and PACs.

Please support HB 16 - The Campaign Reform Bill and resist any effort to weaken it.

With appreciation,

Peg Tileston

[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99503

Stuart Relay

From: Deb Ward [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:54 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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Dear Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 16. Money should not determine election outcomes, voters should. Limiting campaign contributions to \$2000 would level the playing field for all candidates. Please vote yes to advance this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Deb Ward
Anchorage, AK
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:52 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB-16

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I am an Alaska resident and live in Anchorage. I support HB-16. We need to reduce rampant corruption and control of our elections by the super-rich.

This bill will benefit democracy and reduce outside influence across the political spectrum.

David Lockard

Stuart Relay

From: Paula Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:51 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Yes on HB 16

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Thank you HSTA,

I would like to go on record as being in favor of limiting campaign contributions to \$2000. I believe it would help balance out the influence of money on campaigns, and curtail excessive spending.

Thanks for all your hard work!

Sincerely,

Paula Davis

[REDACTED]
Anchorage 99507

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Michele Cornelius [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:44 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: In support of HB16

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HB 16 limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person is the way to go! Election should not be bought; they should be based on the candidate's merits. I definitely support HB 16.

- Michele Cornelius, Gustavus Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Mary Corcoran [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:43 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony HB16 SUPPORT

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To House State Affairs Committee Chair Representative Carrick, Vice Chair Representative Story and Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of HB16. The campaign limits set out in this bill will level our elections' playing fields. As an Alaskan voter in 47 years' elections, I've seen enough campaign results weighted by money contributed to know that we need these limits. I urge you to support this bill in committee and on the House floor.

I thank Representatives Schrage, Galvin and Himschoot for their work on HB16. Thank you all for your legislative work.

Sincerely,
Mary Corcoran
Delta Junction

Stuart Relay

From: Steve Colt [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:42 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: I support campaign contribution limits of \$2,000

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Legislators:
I strongly support HB 16.
Too much money in campaigns is bad for democracy.

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Steve Colt
2210 Alder Dr
Anchorage AK 99508

Stuart Relay

From: Daryl [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:39 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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Dear House State Affairs Committee

Please support the passage of HB16 and limit political contributions to \$2000 per election cycle. Keep our politics local and representative of Alaskans.

Cynthia Farrens

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

Stuart Relay

From: Gene Cornelius [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:38 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16 - In favor

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I support HB16, and urge you to limit campaign contributions to \$2000 per person, per election cycle.

Gene Cornelius
[REDACTED]
Gustavus, AK 99826

Stuart Relay

From: Annie Mackovjak [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:31 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Finally, a rational bill limiting the influence of money on elections. With Musk "buying" elections and Citizens United giving wealthy donors so much influence in our elections, I wholeheartedly support HB 16 which would bring sanity back to political donations. Our politicians should be representing the people they serve, not the wealthy influencers.
Please pass HB 16.

Respectfully,
Annie Mackovjak
[REDACTED]
Gustavus, AK 99826
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:27 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Please, Please, Please!!

Pass HB 16 and limit individual campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person!

MaryJane Owens

[REDACTED], Fairbanks

Stuart Relay

From: Robert Bundtzen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:26 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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I am a strong supporter of HB 16.
Robert Bundtzen
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Patrick Rumley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:24 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Unlimited money is a major driver of politics run amok, whether the funding sources are big R or big D donors. We must bring sanity back to campaign limits and HB 16 is a good starting point.

I support HB 16.

Thank you.

Patrick Rumley

May the love of God warm your heart like a great fire So that a friend may come and warm himself there.

An Irish Blessing

Our doubts are traitors
And make us lose the good we oft might win By fearing to attempt

Act 1, Scene 5, "Measure for Measure,"
William Shakespeare

Patrick Rumley
[REDACTED]

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Stuart Relay

From: Leon Lynch [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:20 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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I am writing in support of HB16 that limits campaign contributions to \$2,000. Elections should not be determined by who can raise the most money.

Please support this much needed bill.

Thank you,
Karen Post

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK. 99709

Stuart Relay

From: Christina Kowalczewski [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:07 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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Please limit campaign contributions to amounts reasonable for an individual to give. We have seen what happens when billionaires are able to contribute whatever they like to influence (control) government. This is important - please protect our democracy.

Chris Kowalczewski

Stuart Relay

From: Sheri Thomson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:02 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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I am writing asking you to support HB 16 to enact funding limits for donations.

A handful of wealthy donors dominate electoral giving and spending in the United States. We need limits on campaign finance, transparency, and effective enforcement of these rules — along with public financing.

big money dominates political campaigns to a degree not seen in decades. Super PACs allow billionaires to pour unlimited amounts into campaigns, drowning out the voices of ordinary Americans. Dark money groups mask the identities of their donors, preventing voters from knowing who's trying to influence them.

You have the power to change this locally. I suggest you do.

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Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:00 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 comments

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Respectfully,

As a lifelong Alaskan, I, without hesitation, support the campaign contribution limits express in HB 16. In every election cycle Alaskans are exposed to and misled by large, heavily funded support efforts from outside interests. Rogue advertisers may be able to skirt the intent of this initiative. However, the campaign contribution limitations will force candidates and initiative sponsors to target their fundraising efforts toward Alaskans, rather than rely on heavily funded outside interests to bombard the media channels with misleading information and reckless propaganda, unfairly influencing the outcome of elections.

Alaskans need to be the ones influencing elections and the actions of our elected officials. Not outside interests. Our elected officials need to be beholden to us.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute comments regarding HB 16

Joe Austerman
Anchorage, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: carl berger [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:57 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 testimony

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Rep Calvin Schrage & Others:

I support a return to limits on Alaska campaign contributions. We have all seen the result of unlimited national contributions by millionaires in the recent elections and it will also occur in Alaska next year if action is not taken now to place a limit on them to our current unresponsive elected officials.

Carl Berger
Anchorage, AK

Cc: Rep Fields, Rep Nelson

Stuart Relay

From: Sherry Eckrich [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:46 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am writing to encourage the passage of this bill. For too long, “deep pockets” have had too much influence in our elections. This bill would help level the playing field for ordinary Alaskans. For many of us, even a \$2000 contribution is beyond our financial limits, but we would still like to support various candidates with the belief that many smaller contributions can make a difference.

Influence in this state should belong to all of us.

Sincerely,
Sherry Eckrich
[REDACTED]
Eagle River 99577
Sent from my iPad

Stuart Relay

From: Steve Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:43 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform Bill

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I support passage of HB 16 to limit campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle.

Steve Lewis

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

Stuart Relay

From: Laurie Cramer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:37 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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I support HB16. We need to get money out of politics.
I live in Kasilof AK [REDACTED]
Thank you,
Laurie Cramer

Stuart Relay

From: Alice Samuelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:34 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Vote in favor of House Bill 16. We do not want any large donors trying to influence our elections - I want the people of Alaska to make up their minds on the facts, not outside donation ads.

Alice Samuelson
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:34 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: In favor of HB 16

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Please reinstate campaign contribution limits as spelled out in HB 16.

Thank you,
Savannah Lewis
House District 14

Stuart Relay

From: Paul Seaton [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:26 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16 testimony

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March 29, 2025

This is Paul Seaton, former State Representative 2002-2018. I live in Homer, Alaska.

I support HB16 to reenact Alaska's campaign contribution limits updated for inflation.

Having the updated contribution limits changed from a \$1,000 annual basis to the \$2,000 for the 2-year election cycle basis will eliminate reporting problems with APOC.

Most donations above this limit come from outside the State which lowers candidates' reliance on constituent Alaska voters. Limiting personal contributions from Alaskans and non-Alaskans helps keep the average Alaskan's voice important.

A large donation received directly from an individual has a different impact on the candidate than an expenditure that is not coordinated with the candidate even if it supports the candidate or issue.

Thank you for your consideration and I request your support for HB16.

Paul Seaton

[REDACTED]

Homer AK 99603

Stuart Relay

From: Doug Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:21 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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I support HB16!

Doug Smith
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99516

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: William Saltonstall [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:16 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: H 16

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While speech is free in the United States, having that speech *Heard* is expensive. Unlimited campaign donations give a huge advantage to the wealthy. I support limited campaign donations from individuals and groups both to keep the playing field somewhat level and because the often obscene amount of money that gets spent on elections could be better spent elsewhere.

Respectfully

Will & Beth Saltonstall
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska
99516

Stuart Relay

From: C R Ellingwood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:04 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Finance

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I enthusiastically support adjusting the regulations which will accomplish complying with the Ninth Circuit and Supreme Court while helping to ensure that Alaska issues are financed and supported by Alaskans, not Outside interests. I encourage passage of the proposed changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Ellingwood
Anchorage, AK

Stuart Relay

From: Cleary Donovan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:03 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Contributions

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Much of the chaos in Washington now can be linked to the power of unlimited money donated to government officials, Play fair. Limit campaign donations to what real people can pay.

Cleary Donovan
Girdwood AK 99587

Stuart Relay

From: Amy Pocewicz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:03 AM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Ky Holland
Subject: Please support HB 16 - don't allow elections to be purchased!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear House State Affairs Committee,

I'm writing in support of House Bill 16 that limits campaign contributions. Please support this legislation that will keep voting power in the hands of voters and communities. I do not want it to be possible to purchase election outcomes in Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration,
Amy Pocewicz
[REDACTED] Anchorage 99516

Stuart Relay

From: Donna Goldsmith [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:57 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 Campaign Finance Limits

Importance: High

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Dear Members of the House State Affairs Committee:

I am writing again to urge you to support HB 16 and to bring it to the floor of the House as is, without amendment.

Campaign finance reform should be decided by Alaskans - polls consistently show that both Democratic and Republican voters favor being able to limit the role of big money in politics. This bill would encourage politicians to focus on issues that affect ordinary Alaskans, not just the interests of lobbyists and big donors.

Elections should not be for sale to the wealthiest, highest bidder.

Alaskans have consistently voted for strong campaign finance limits when given the chance - I urge you to vote accordingly on HB 16.

Sincerely,

Donna Goldsmith
South Anchorage 99515

Stuart Relay

From: Lilly Goodman-Allwright [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:56 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 16

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Greetings,
My name is Lilly Goodman-Allwright and I am from Eagle River, Alaska.

I believe our democracy is currently threatened by the ability of well funded individuals and other entities to essentially purchase their way into political leadership. Further, organizations outside of Alaska are able to have a significant impact on our local elections with the current system.

Please keep empower all Alaskans and only Alaskans to be part of decision making in Alaska by supporting HB 16, which limits contributions to \$2000.

Thank you,
Lilly

Lilly Goodman-Allwright
[REDACTED]

Eagle river, AK 99577.

Stuart Relay

From: Susan Magee [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:44 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 Campaign Finance Reform Bill

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I fully support passage of HB 16 to limit campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle. This limit will help to ensure that Alaskan's voices are heard and not drowned out by the wealthy and special interests group's large campaign contributions.

Thank you,
Susan Magee

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Stuart Relay

From: Matthew Sturm [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:40 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: support campaign \$ limits

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I fully support a bill that cap/limit individual campaign contributions. Such a bill (getting MONEY out of politics) is long overdue.

Matthew Sturm

Stuart Relay

From: ckinard <ckinard@ak.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:40 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16 --a must-have for democracy

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please consider how important to our democracy it is for campaign contributions to be restricted so that contributors are playing on a level field.

Otherwise, only those with outsized wallets will have any say in how our state is governed.

Please vote to pass HB16

Thank you for the noble work you are doing to keep our great state on an even keel and moving forward in good "health".

Longtime residents,
Wray and Cindy Kinard
Anchorage

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Stuart Relay

From: Claire Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:38 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16–Campaign contribution limit

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Good morning,
I support HB16 which would limit campaign contributions to \$2000 per election cycle.
Claire Wilson
7020 Gibbs Hill Cir, Anchorage, AK 99504

Dena'inaq ełnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu.

I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina.

Translation: S. Shaginoff-Stuart, J. Isaak

Stuart Relay

From: victory lavalle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:37 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Please pass HB 16

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Dear Alaska legislators,
Please pass HB 16 campaign finance reform. In this time of our country's fragile democratic state it is obvious that big money runs politics.
As we have seen in the past Alaska elections,our state politics are vulnerable to outside money as well.
Please pass this bill and at least handicap the outside big spenders.
Thank you
Victory Cheney
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Christopher Jensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:37 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Re HB16 and Funding Limots

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We have seen how the Citizens United decision has ruined democracy in this country already, why do it on the local level? If we allow this practice of unlimited funding, then we will have decided that our states decisions are not the will of the people, but the will of large corporations and wealthy individuals. Thus ensuring oligarchy.

Please vote for the rights of all the citizens to have an equal influence and voice to and from our government.

Chris Jensen
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK

Stuart Relay

From: Charlotte Tanner [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:36 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: campaign contributions

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please limit the amount of money that can be contributed to a single candidate. No more buying public officials. Thank you. Charlotte Tanner [REDACTED] Ketchikan, AK 99901

Stuart Relay

From: Judith Burtner [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:28 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I support limiting campaign contributions to \$2000 per person per election cycle. We don't want people buying our elections.

Thank you,
Judith Burtner

Stuart Relay

From: Kay Gouwens [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:25 AM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Gouwens Kay
Subject: HB 16 Campaign finance limits

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I support this bill and urge you to pass it! We need reasonable campaign contribution limits to ensure it is Alaska voters who choose their representatives, and whose interests those representatives will serve — not outside interests, billionaires, or corporations.

Thank you!

Kay Gouwens
[REDACTED]

Anchorage 99516
Sent from my iPhone; enjoy any weird auto-corrections.

Stuart Relay

From: Janice Banta [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:24 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: I support HB 16 - Campaign Contribution Limits

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I support HB 16 - the Campaign Contribution Limits law being discussed today by the House State Affairs Committee. I support campaign contributions being limited to \$2000 per person per campaign cycle. Unlimited caps on contributions lets rich people and outside groups have outsized influence on our elections. This a much needed and reasonable law.

Thank you,
Joe Banta
Anchorage, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: vicki koehler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:21 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Re HB16

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Yes I absolutely support limiting political contributions! Helps insure fair elections.
Vicki Koehler, Fairbanks AK
Sent from my iPad

Stuart Relay

From: Dale Gosnell [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:15 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 16

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To: The House State Affairs Committee

I agree that political power and influence with public officials should not be allocated solely based on wealth. Instead, reasonable limits on the amount of campaign contributions are necessary to secure equal rights for Alaskans and to preserve the integrity of our elections.

Please support the passage of HB 16.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dale Gosnell

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99802

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:13 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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We support HB16 to put a limit on individual campaign contributions. Unlimited contributions skew political campaigns, allowing a few wealthy individuals undue influence.

Sincerely,

Alex and Margaret Wertheimer

[REDACTED]

Juneau, AK 99891

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Allie Sargent [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:05 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 Testimony

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Hello,

My name is Allie Sargent and I am a resident in Palmer Alaska. I would like to urge this committee to support HB 16 and limit contributions to campaigns.

As we are seeing right now in Wisconsin, our campaigns are a vulnerable system in democracy that can be highly influenced by monetary contributions. Campaigns in Alaska should be run by Alaskans and host candidates that desire to represent the entirety of their constituents, not just those who can afford to write large checks in their name.

Limiting contributions would further solidify the fairness and democratic processes of elections in Alaska.

Thank you,
Allie Sargent

Stuart Relay

From: Bonnie Demerjian [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:11 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform Bill

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I am in favor of limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per election cycle. Money plays far too large a role in our democracy, amplifying the voice of those with money and thereby diminishing the voice of those without. Please vote to reduce the power of those with money by passing this bill.

Bonnie Demerjian
[REDACTED]
Wrangell, AK 99929

Stuart Relay

From: Lorna Jo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:08 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign spending cap

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Like the majority of people in this country, I am horrified and disgusted to see that due to allowing unlimited campaign spending, a billionaire bought the most powerful political position in the world.

No mater what one's political stance, this is a very bad law.

Even the campaign field.

Cap campaign spending including donations, Twitter propaganda for any particular candidate, and purchasing votes from constituents.

Stuart Relay

From: Kay Gajewski [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:06 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Pass HB 16

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Stuart Relay

From: Gary Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:05 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Elon Musk contributed \$215 million to get Donald Trump elected. He has spent \$2 million in Wisconsin so far to try to get a conservative state supreme court judge elected. Most of us can't "buy elections" like some of the rich can. Anything you can do to take big money out of politics would be good for our democracy.

Thank you.

Gary Miller
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801-8211
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Mark Webb [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:04 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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My name is
Mark W. Webb

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This is to let the Alaska legislature know that I support limits on campaign contributions to \$2,000/person to prevent wealthy individuals and organizations from disproportionate and unfair influence in our public process.

Stuart Relay

From: Leslie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:02 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 testimony

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March 29, 2025

To members of the House State Affairs Committee,

Campaign finance reform is crucial to ensuring that each and every Alaska citizen's vote counts withOUT being bought by large money. It is imperative that the state of Alaska LIMIT campaign contributions to \$2,000.00 per election cycle to ensure a fair and equitable process.

I implore you to support HB 16, to reinstate limiting campaign contributions so that we ALL have a voice and a VOTE in this State.

Sincerely,

Leslie Kleinfeld, MPH, MEd, CPFT

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Mark Berry [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:01 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Hello;

I'm writing in support of HB 16 limiting financial support to candidates per individual. I believe it is important that everybody has the opportunity to support their candidates choices equally - not giving the upper hand to the very wealthy or superpacs.

Thanks you,

Mark Berry
[REDACTED]
Gustavusus Ak 99826

Stuart Relay

From: David Landry [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:01 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB16

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I strongly support passage of HB16. It will restore the campaign finance laws that voters overwhelmingly voted for in 2006 in a manner that addresses the concerns of the 2021 Ninth Circuit Court's 2021 decision. Our state and municipal elections should not be left open to unlimited campaign contributions.
Thank you.

David Landry
Anchorage, AK

Stuart Relay

From: Diane Shellenbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:01 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - strongly support

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Please support the passage of HB 16 to limit campaign contributions. While this won't completely fix all our inequity problems with elections, it is a necessary step.

Thank you,

Diane Shellenbaum

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: angie Jensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:01 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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Dear House State Affairs Committee,

As an Alaskan taxpayer, I request you limit the amount individuals and corporations can contribute toward election campaigns in Alaska.

By doing this, you will improve our election process so the results more accurately represent the opinions of Alaskans.

Please limit campaign contributions to \$2000 per year per election cycle by passing House Bill 16.

Thank you,

Angie Jensen

Stuart Relay

From: Kriss Hart [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:00 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform

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My name is Kriss Hart and I am a resident of Alaska and the City of Gustavus.

I strongly support enacting reasonable campaign finance limitations that provide fair representation for the citizens. Please enact this legislation.

Kriss
[REDACTED], Gustavus

Stuart Relay

From: Jen Huvar [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:59 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 Public Testimony

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Hi,

I'm a 44-year resident of Anchorage. I love Alaska and I hope to live out my years here. Over the past several years, I've come to conclude that our national government is increasingly corrupt, because of two policies.

The first is the revocation of the Fairness Doctrine, which allowed media sources to prioritize revenue over truth and balance. The second was the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court. This lifting of campaign contribution limits has allowed what we're seeing today: the richest person in the world has taken over the mechanisms of our government to his own benefit.

HB 16 is a chance for Alaska to avoid this fate at a state level. Huge campaign contributions serve only to beholden the candidate to the desires of the donor, over the constituency as a whole.

I fully support HB 16. Thank you.

Jen Huvar
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

Stuart Relay

From: Sue May [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:00 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign finance

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Committee Members,

With great respect for all the hard work and financial backing it takes to attain political office, I urge you to back campaign funding limits as proposed. It is all too tempting for large contributors to engage in quid pro quo donations, even if unstated. This particularly applies to out of state donors who would try to influence Alaska elections. Alaska legislators and other public officials should be backed by Alaskans, ordinary citizens, without the undue influence of mega donors.

Thank you for your work.
Sue Ellen May
Eagle River

Stuart Relay

From: Laurie Hueffer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:55 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - YES!

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Hello,

I am writing in support of HP 16, limiting campaign contributions to \$2000 per person per election cycle.

Take big money out of politics and listen to the people.

Thank you for your representation.

Laurie

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Laurie Hueffer
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Lottie Gotcha <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:53 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Limit campaign contributions

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Please let's limit contributions. PACs are out of control!
The wealthy should have undue influence.

Let's limit campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle!!

Thanks,
Lottie Burns

Stuart Relay

From: cori stennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:51 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Vote YES for HB 16

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House State Affairs Committee,

My name is Cori Stennett and I am an Alaskan resident who lives in Haines.

Please vote in favor of HB 16 to limit campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle.

What is happening in Wisconsin right now with the attempt to "buy" votes is wrong. Please make a stand and protect democracy in Alaska.

Thank you,
Cori Stennett
Haines, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Jeanne Swartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:46 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: RE: Support for HB 16

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Dear members of the House State Affairs Committee,
I would like to voice my support for HB 16, limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person, per election cycle. I believe this will lead to better governance and better representation for citizens in Alaska. Thank you - Jeanne Swartz

Stuart Relay

From: Glenn Olson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:43 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign Finance

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please support campaign finance limits. Alaska needs a fair playing field where its citizens can have an equal voice with those with unlimited resources.

Glenn Olson

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

Sent from my iPad

Stuart Relay

From: Maurice Cruickshank [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:42 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16 support

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Campaign financing needs to be to change. I support HB16 campaign contribution limits of \$2000 per and individual. Dear members of the House State Affairs Committee, please support this bill.

Maurice Cruickshank
[REDACTED]
Chugiak, Alaska 99567

Stuart Relay

From: Amy Carroll [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:41 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: In favor of HB 16

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Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in in favor of the HB 16 Campaign Finance Reform Bill. For too long, deep-pocketed interests have dominated Alaska elections. I urge you to pass this bill limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per election cycle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Carroll
[REDACTED]
Juneau AK 99801

Stuart Relay

From: Sue Keller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:41 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: vote yes on HB 16

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I am in favor of limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle. Vote yes on HB 16.

We are seeing effects of unlimited contributions on the national scale, where moneyed people are running the government. Keeping big money out of Alaska local and state government promotes democracy.

Thank you

Carolyn Keller

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks AK 99709

Stuart Relay

From: Mike Nakada [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:37 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: money out of politics

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please do anything possible to limit the amount of money that can be contributed to candidates. i believe that it is essential for a democracy that cannot be bought. mike nakada Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Stephen Gillies [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:24 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Hb16

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Sent I stand in support of house bill 16. Already too much monetary influence in our politics by wealthy individuals and corporations. We don't need Elon Musk and his like interfering with our elections and bills! thank you ,sincerely Stephen Gillies, Alaska resident 48 yearsfrom my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Dennis or Janet Hook [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:17 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Limit campaign contributions

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I support limited campaign contributions for all parties and organizations.
Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Suzanne Forster [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:15 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign contribution limits

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I strongly support establishing campaign contribution limits. We're letting millionaires, billionaires, and their PACs run the country; let's take back our vote!

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Bebe Tessum [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:56 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign contribution Limits

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good Morning,
Please support HB16 to limit campaign contributions.
Alaska needs this bill to pass.
Sincerely,
Bebe "Bee" Tessum
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPad

Stuart Relay

From: Amy W Paige [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:55 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Needed limits on political contributions

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We absolutely need limits on political contributions. \$2000 is a reasonable amount for individuals. Without limits individuals can have an undue influence on our elected representatives. Staggering amounts of contributions from individuals translate into dominance of the media during election campaigns. Please pass this bill out of committee and urge your colleagues to support it when it comes up for a floor vote.

Amy Paige
Juneau

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Stephen Springer Jr [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:54 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Comments for HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello,

I am commenting on HB16. I would like to see this body reinstate campaign contribution limits in Alaska. After watching billionaires buy our president and then offer voters money for their vote it's time to draw a line. Common folk can't compete with that and creates a dangerous precedent that causes division. United we stand, divided we fall. This country is dangerously divided. Lets help prevent this division and reinstate campaign finance reform.

Thank you,

Stephen K Springer Jr

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Dennis Gall [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:46 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello,

I am writing today in support of HB16. Setting a reasonable political contribution limit will help even the playing field and prevent outsized political influence to those with significant monetary means. It is important in a democracy that every voice is heard and that special interests do not flood the field and unduly affect government policy with monetary incentive to cave to their influence and interests.

Thank you so much....

Dennis Gall

Stuart Relay

From: John Apple [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:45 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: This would be a step forward.

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Dear Committee members,
Would you really be so brave as to limit elitism and make representation closer to “one person one vote”?
Let’s do this and make government less about big money and more about representation of the people

J Quimby
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone
J Quimby

Stuart Relay

From: Ziegner [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:44 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB-16 Finance Reform Bill

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I urge you to vote in favor of this bill. It is not acceptable that individuals and businesses can contribute large sums of money to influence our elections.

Thank you,

Diane Ziegner
Talkeetna, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Jan Caulfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:43 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Elexie Moore; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe
Subject: SUPPORT HB 16 - Campaign Contribution Limits

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear House State Affairs Committee members:

I support reinstating individual campaign contributions in Alaska.

Campaign contributions limits will allow candidates to compete more equitably for office. It will reduce the undue influence of big money on campaigns and on the subsequent decisions of lawmakers who may feel obliged to represent the interests of their biggest donors, rather than serving their constituents equitably.

Please support HB16.

Regards,

Jan Caulfield
Juneau, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Irene Bortnick [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:43 AM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Alyse Galvin; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson
Subject: HB 16 -- limit campaign contributions

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please vote to support HB 16 and limit campaign contributions to \$2000 per election cycle.

The amount of money spent on elections at all levels is out of control. Whenever I hear about huge contributions, I can't help but think about children going without food and adequate clothing, our neighbors experiencing homelessness and all the other ways that money could have been spent.

In addition, we are supposed to have equal representation. But, when those with the deepest pockets have the most sway in the outcome of an election, it does not necessarily follow that everyone's voices are being heard.

I understand that it costs a lot of money to run an election but there need to be some limits set. Please pass HB 16.

Sincerely,
Irene Bortnick
Anchorage 99508

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:39 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Limit Campaign Donations - HB 16

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I wholeheartedly support limiting campaign donations as stated in HB 16.

I wish we could strike down Citizens United, too! It's what has changed politics from being for the people to for the corporate donors.

I thank you for trying to fix this.

Constance Fredenberg

[REDACTED]
Palmer, AK 99645

Stuart Relay

From: Claire Coppel [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:36 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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I TOTALLY support HB 16 that limits campaign contributions to \$2,000 per election cycle.

Sincerely,
Claire Coppel
Anchorage 99516

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Sandy Dauenhauer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:35 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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We need limits on campaign donations for all the reasons that have been discussed for years. Even if limits may be overruled, we must take a stand that recognizes the corruption involved in avalanches of cash from anonymous donors with unknown motives or origins. NO ONE believes that elected officials are immune to influence from individuals and corporations who shower them with money.

Protect yourselves, our state, and your constituents: vote for campaign limits.

Sandra Dauenhauer.
[REDACTED] Ester, AK. 99725

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Diana Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:32 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Limits to contributions on elections

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HSAC,
Please limit campaign contributions per person to \$2000 to make Alaska's elections fairer, less prone to Outside influence, and less wasteful.
Sincerely,
Diana Johnson
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK

Stuart Relay

From: H Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:30 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB 16, campaign finance reform

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Dear Alaska legislators: Wealthy individuals and businesses have an outsized influence over campaigns for issues and elected seats. The playing field is not level for individuals like myself who cannot donate unlimited amounts of money and buy influence in government, as we are seeing so many billionaires and corporations do today.

Please limit campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle. Even this amount is high, in my opinion, but at least it is a start to reasonable limits.

Thank you,
Heather Brandon
Juneau, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Jim Vignola [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:29 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform Bill

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am in support of HB 16. There needs to be limits on the amount of money funneled into campaigns by individuals and organizations. Money has too much influence on our elections.

Respectfully,
James Vignola

Stuart Relay

From: Mary Ver Hoef [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:21 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB16 - Campaign Contribution limits

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Dear Alaska Legislators:

I am writing in support of HB 16. I support a limit on campaign contributions in Alaska.

Our government seems to be awash in excessive spending by the rich to influence campaigns and political advertising.

Setting a \$2000 per person per election cycle contribution limit seems very reasonable, and I urge you all to vote for this bill.

Sincerely,
Mary Ver Hoef
Fairbanks, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:12 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Alaska State Representatives:

Please support HB 16 that would limit campaign contributions to \$2000.00 per person per election cycle. This would level the playing field so that more average Alaskans voice through the influence of financial contributions would be closer to others of higher means. Having unlimited amounts of money coming into campaigns from richer people dilutes the voices and influence of most other Alaskans.

Thank you for helping to bring some balance to campaign financing.

Sheri Whitethorn

Anchorage, AK

Stuart Relay

From: Linda Kruger [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:04 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Contribution Limits

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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It is important that everyone has a voice, not only those with unlimited resources. Please limit the donations to campaigns from any one individual to \$2,000 per election cycle. This would help assure equal voice to all Alaskans, not just those who are financially well off. Unlimited campaign contributions enables unequal representation and influence as we are seeing at the national level.

Thanks for your attention to this matter and thank you for your service.

Linda Kruger
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Tami Hamler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:00 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign reform bill- Yes on HB 16

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I am in support of HB 16. We need to restrict large donations and the perceived "obligation" that that creates.

Thank you,
Tami Hamler
Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: Phyllis Mulligan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:59 AM
To: House State Affairs

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I support HB16.
Sincerely,
Phyllis Mulligan
Sitka,Ak.

Stuart Relay

From: Lloyd Eggan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:53 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Money is not speech!
People can talk all they want.
It is right to limit money contributions to political campaigns.
Lloyd Eggan, Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: Robby Bear [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:53 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 Support

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Greetings,

I support limiting campaign contributions in Alaska. I do not agree with allowing and encouraging companies or wealthy donors in financing our representatives, especially any from out of state. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Roberta Bear
[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99507
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:52 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Hello,

I strongly support HB 16, regarding campaign reform.

Burt Bomhoff
Anchorage voter
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Nancy Berland [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:40 AM
To: House State Affairs

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I fully support limits to campaign contributions.

Thank you.

Nancy Berland
Haines AK

Stuart Relay

From: Karen Head [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:40 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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This bill must pass! We don't need outside big donors influencing our elections.

Sent from my iPad

Stuart Relay

From: Skid River [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:39 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Contribution limits will assist in limiting outside influence into our state political arena. This will also help level the influence for all voters. Thank you for your consideration, Patrick Trojan

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Blues Alive,
Skid River
> = ((((((' >

Stuart Relay

From: Patricia Fisher [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:35 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign limits

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I strongly support reinstating campaign limits. **We are currently in a era where anyone with money has the potential to PURCHASE an office.**

Please reinstate campaign limits

Stuart Relay

From: Cindy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:33 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign Contributions

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I am writing in favor of HB 16. Our present campaign contribution system favors the very rich. We need to make it more feasible for anyone to run.

Daryl Farrens
Wasilla

Stuart Relay

From: Rita St.Louis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:26 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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I m in favor of your passing this bill. Too many bills are " bought and sold" with unlimited contribution funds.

PLEASE PASS HB 26.

thanks

Rita St. Louis fairbanks

Stuart Relay

From: phyllis rhodes [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:43 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign Finances

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Please, please limit the amount individuals can contribute. We are in further danger of our government being controlled by those with the most money. Not in Alaska!!!

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Stuart Relay

From: Christy Everett [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:42 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Please support HB 35 and HB 58

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Dear Representatives:

Our justice system needs help. Prisons are too often criminal academies, leading to recidivism and strained resources. These two bills help address these issues. HB 35 provides resources such as tablets to help inmates improve their education and therefore prospects for legitimate employment when they are released.

HB 58 strengthens the Office of Public Advocacy by ensuring legislative oversight. This office is important in protecting vulnerable Alaskans and keeping them out of the prison system in the first place through the public defender's office, as well as advocating for abused children, elders, and those with disabilities.

As a longtime Alaskan resident, as well as a mother and grandmother of Alaskans, I urge you to support these steps toward a safer and more just future for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Christine Everett
[REDACTED] North Pole AK 99705
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Tam Agosti-Gisler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:33 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear House State Affairs Committee:

Please support HB16 to limit campaign contributions to \$2000 per person per election cycle.
Do not allow people with vast resources to buy seats or politicians like we have seen in other states.
Make Alaska a leader in election reform.

Tam Agosti-Gisler

[REDACTED]
Anchorage

tamag5@me.com

Stuart Relay

From: Christy Everett [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:25 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Please pass HB 16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Representatives:

As an Alaskan resident and voter for 38 years, I am very concerned that large campaign contributions by PACS and individuals have distorted our recent elections. I strongly urge you to pass HB 16, which would limit individual contributions to \$2,000. Elections should not be determined by the amount of money spent on them. This law would help keep a government by the people, not special interests or billionaires.

Thank you for your service,
Sincerely,

Christine Everett
[REDACTED] North Pole, AK 99705
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Bernhard Richert [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:03 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Dear Legislators:

Alaska deserves a situation where Alaska voices are heard - not money megaphones overwhelming our discourse. This limitation on election funding seems to be a most reasonable limit to campaign financing. Please support this Bill.

Bernhard Richert

Stuart Relay

From: Mike Feil [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 4:21 AM
To: House State Affairs

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definitely need to limit campaign contributions as well as repeal citizens united, Mike Feil, [REDACTED]
willow, AK 99688

Stuart Relay

From: Bonnie Sutphin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:48 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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I support limiting campaign donations to \$2000 per donor. As your constituent I am asking to represent me in this matter.

Bonnie Sutphin

Stuart Relay

From: Kenneth Alexander [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:33 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform Bill (voter ID 10630466)

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The "Citizens United" ruling by the US Supreme Court unleashed a flood of corruption for billionaires to capitalize on, effectively enabling the wealthy to buy elections. Making it only a matter of time when even pundits and seats of opponents become fair play for nepotism and control. This bill is a common sense, democratic measure to assure election processes are "of the people, by the people, for the people" fair and untainted with dark money. From only God knows who.

Stuart Relay

From: James Moberly [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:22 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16

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HB16 \$2000 campaign limit per individual is a great start to fixing our democracy. The late supreme court justice Antonin Scalia wrongly said: Justice Scalia agreed with the plaintiff corporations and unions that “independent expenditures” constituted free speech. To wit: the First Amendment protects speech by individuals, money used for political purposes is speech, and restrictions upon money equal restrictions upon speech, and since corporations and unions are individuals”

I observe unlimited money used for political puposes provides unlimited speech for the richest only. Inhibiting speech of the masses that can not afford the speech competition in political campaigns. Example: Elon Musk reported \$270 to \$280 million donation to Trump campaign. \$45 million a month to Tump political action committee. \$1 million give away for voters in Wisconsin to vote for a conservative federal judge seat. This unlimited political campaign donations, give aways, media platforms, all by one man is the largest single threat to our country existance Americans have ever endured. By the time legalities are argued and ruled on the damage is done. His money alone bull horns over any other campaign nominee. Money in campaigns equals silencing the opposition. HB16 is a bill in the right direction. Sincerely James Moberly

Stuart Relay

From: Samuel Combs [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:09 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support of HB 16

Importance: High

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Please note that this is my support of HB16. As one who has run for the State of Alaska's House of Representatives in 2014, I believe that the amount that someone can spend to support a candidate for office should be \$2,000 or less.

Today with support of billionaires, candidates can just buy a politician. That is not right.

Sam, AIA

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Jennifer Jolis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:56 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Campaign Contribution Limits

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HB 16

I strongly (STRONGLY) support HB 16 and its limits on campaign contributions. For too long our elections have been influenced by people and organizations with no citizen investment...time, energy, family, community.... in our state. Please support this curtailing of outside interests in our lives.

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Jennifer Jolis

[REDACTED]

Ester AK 99726

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Stuart Relay

From: Patricia Carlson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:40 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: campaign contributions

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Dear Legislators,

I believe that contributions to political campaigns should be limited to \$2000 for individuals. This way we can try to keep the undue influence of large contributions out of our elections. Big money should not determine who is elected and what the political agenda will be.

Thank you,
Patricia Carlson
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Stuart Relay

From: RobinAlaska [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:33 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Hb 16

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I strongly support hb16.

Thank you,

Rob Earl
[REDACTED]
Anchorage

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Elizabeth Figus [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:25 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Please pass HB 16

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Dear House State Affairs Committee:

Currently, individuals can contribute an unlimited amount of money to campaigns in Alaska. HB 16 would limit campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle.

PLEASE PASS HB 16. Alaska needs less big money in politics, and more focus on government for the people.

I am a working class voters in Alaska, and people like me desperately need limitations on campaign contributions, so elections will be fair and so that elected officials can focus on governing, not courting rich donors.

Thank you for your time and for considering my request. Please pass this important bill!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Figus
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Kathleen Easley BSN, RN, NCSN [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:56 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Alyse Galvin; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot
Cc: Sen. James Kaufman; Rep. Julie Coulombe
Subject: Support for HB 16 Amending campaign contribution limits

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House State Affairs Committee

Chair Carrick, Vice-Chair Story, and Members of the Committee:

I appreciate your consideration of House Bill 16 - Amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office.

This bill establishes reasonable campaign contribution limits, simplifies the structure, adjusts limits over time, follows the constitution, and gives back integrity to our election process.

HB 16 bill will be an equalizer for candidates and their campaigns. It will give back the power to Alaskans by stopping exorbitant amounts of money coming from out-of-state donors and wealthy influencers who try and sway politics in our state. Having had no limits on contribution amounts has changed the landscape of Alaskan politics- it has allowed this outsider influence and pay-to-play power holds. Establishing reasonable limits, keeps candidates free from some of this influence and would make campaigning more equitable. Alaskans have already overwhelmingly supported contribution limits, and again ask to establish them to provide accountability, establish trust, and protect our elections from unfair influence.

Thank you to Representatives Schrage, Galvin, and Himschoot- this is an excellent bill and a great opportunity for the legislature to correct unethical and limitless campaign contributions that have been allowed to unfairly influence Alaskan elections. I appreciate your integrity and work on this important issue.

I fully support HB 16, and ask this committee to consider this bill as it will fortify the probity and coherence of our elections.

With much appreciation,

Kathleen Easley
Anchorage resident- District 12 F
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Shawn Broiles [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 8:38 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 16

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Approve HB 16, bring back limits
Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: M Miner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 8:00 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Election spending

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Hello,

I want to go on record in support of HB16, limiting personal campaign donations to \$2,000 per election cycle. As it currently stands individuals can donate unlimited amount of money to candidates and you have to be living under a rock to not believe that those unlimited donations don't come with strings attached. Maintain candidate integrity and reduce the influence on elected officials from big donors and pass HB16.

Thank you,
Mark Miner

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Heather Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 6:34 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB16 campaign contribution limits

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Hello -

Please reinstate campaign contribution limits. It is vitally important for maintaining our democracy.

Thank you,
Heather Williams
Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: K C [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 5:36 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 16

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Dear Alaskan Legislators

I support HB 16 and I want you to support it too. I personally don't want outsiders (regardless of political affiliation) influencing and deciding our elections. Our elections should be decided by Alaskans and not outsiders. With a cap of \$2000 donation, outsiders will not be deciding our elections. Please support HB 16.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Cross

[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99507
[REDACTED]