

## Stuart Relay

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**From:** Lin Davis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 5, 2025 10:48 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** We need HB 16

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Dear House State Affairs:

As a 30 year AK resident I have watched huge national lobby groups slather funds in Alaska. We hard working residents and our needs are erased by Big Money. Essentially our views do not count. Democracy drowns.

Big Money undoes our lives. Think of the issues torpedoed by Big Money.

HB 16 brings a more fair situation. It's time for the views of regular Alaskans to have their day and say.

Democracy withers under Big Money.

Thank you for seeing the wisdom of HB 16.

Lin Davis  
30 years Douglas island

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**From:** Mary McDowell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 5, 2025 10:29 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Support for HB16 -- Campaign Finance, Contribution Limits

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Madam Chair and Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I urge your support for HB16.

While the limits this bill would establish for campaign contributions seem high to me, I understand that the goal is to get some caps in place that will withstand legal challenge and also allow candidates for public office to raise significant funds to conduct campaigns and reach voters.

As we've seen in some recent campaigns in other states, allowing unlimited contributions only invites undue influence by the super-wealthy (often from outside jurisdictions), which drives the cost of elections sky-high and makes it difficult or impossible for most candidates to effectively compete. Our current lack of contribution limits discourages many Alaskans citizens who would make excellent elected officials from running.

We need campaign finance rules and contribution limits that make it feasible and realistic to have the "citizen legislature" and government "of the people", that are the fundamental principles upon which our system is built.

Please move HB16 from your committee and through the legislative process as quickly as possible.

Thank you,

Mary McDowell  
Juneau

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**From:** Heidi Olson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 3:27 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB 16

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Hello House State Affairs Committee,

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

Financing campaigns should be made up of contributions by average voters not those with big pocketbooks or PACs. Local elections shouldn't be influenced by big business buying political favors through large donations. By passing this bill, it is one step towards  
Thank you for your time and for considering my request. Please pass this important bill!

Heidi Olson  
Juneau Alaska

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**From:** Deborah Gillespie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 10:33 AM  
**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 voter 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,  
Deborah Gillespie

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**From:** Luann McVey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 10:03 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Support HB 16

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Dear Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

As a retired Alaskan teacher, I strongly support HB 16 reforming state campaign finance laws. A lack of limits on campaign contributions strongly encourages corrupt practices. Alaska needs leaders who govern from a heart-felt concern for the people and the environment of our state. HB 16 would limit campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle - and that is plenty!

I'm a grandmother who cares for two elderly parents, a spouse who has Parkinson's Disease, and 3 (soon to be 4) grandchildren under the age of 5. Families like ours need limitations on campaign contributions, so elections will be fair and our leaders can spend their time governing, rather than cozying up to wealthy donors. PLEASE PASS HB 16.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Luann McVey  
[REDACTED]  
Douglas, Alaska. 99824  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Larri Spengler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 9:52 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** please support HB 16

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Greetings:

I urge your support for campaign reform in Alaska via HB 16. It is very important to put limitations on individual donations, and lessen the impact of Big Money in our state.

Thank you.

Larri Spengler

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Larri Irene Spengler

[REDACTED]  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
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**From:** Angela Imholt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 9:08 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 16 – Limit Campaign Contributions in Alaska

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Dear House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing to support HB 16, limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle.

Please pass HB 16. Alaska needs fewer outsized financial influences in our elections and more focus on a government that truly serves the people.

As a working-class voter in Alaska, I believe it's critical to establish fair limits on campaign contributions. Without them, elections are skewed in favor of wealthy donors, and our elected officials are pressured to prioritize fundraising over public service.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to pass this critical bill.

Sincerely,  
Angie Imholt

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**From:** Jennifer Perkins <jenperki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 8:36 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** 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 voter 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!

Jennifer Perkins



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**From:** meganlealingle@gmail.com on behalf of JFD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 8:16 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 16 – Limit Campaign Contributions in Alaska

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

I am writing to support HB 16, limiting campaign contributions to \$2,000 per person per election cycle.

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As a working-class voter in Alaska, I believe it's critical to establish fair limits on campaign contributions. Without them, elections are skewed in favor of wealthy donors, and our elected officials are pressured to prioritize fundraising over public service.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to pass this critical bill.

Sincerely,  
Concerned Citizens of Juneau

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**From:** Megan Lingle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 8:14 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 16 – Limit Campaign Contributions in Alaska

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Dear House State Affairs Committee,

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Please pass HB 16. Alaska needs fewer outsized financial influences in our elections and more focus on a government that truly serves the people.

As a working-class voter in Alaska, I believe it's critical to establish fair limits on campaign contributions. Without them, elections are skewed in favor of wealthy donors, and our elected officials are pressured to prioritize fundraising over public service.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to pass this critical bill.

Sincerely,  
Megan Lingle

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**From:** Amanda Bremner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 7:16 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 16 - Campaign Contribution Limits

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Dear House State Affairs Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 16, which would establish a \$2,000 limit on campaign contributions per person per election cycle. This legislation is crucial for ensuring fair elections and representative government in Alaska.

Currently, our state allows unlimited campaign contributions, creating an environment where wealthy donors can have disproportionate influence on our electoral process. This system disadvantages everyday Alaskans like myself who cannot afford to make large political donations.

As a working-class voter in Alaska, I believe HB 16 would bring several important benefits:

1. It would level the playing field and help ensure that candidates listen to all constituents, not just wealthy donors.
2. It would allow elected officials to focus more on governing and addressing the needs of all Alaskans rather than fundraising from a small pool of wealthy contributors.
3. It would help restore public trust in our democratic process by reducing the perception that political influence can be bought.

Our democracy functions best when all citizens have an equal voice. Campaign finance limits are a proven method to help achieve this goal and have been successfully implemented in many other states.

I respectfully urge you to pass HB 16 out of committee. Alaska deserves elections that are fair and a government that works for all people, regardless of economic status.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.  
-Amanda Bremner

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Sent from Amanda's iPhone

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**From:** Bridget Paule [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:34 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please support HB 16

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I am writing in support of HB 16, which is a commonsense way to reclaim our local elections and limit the effect of outside interests. Campaign finance reform could be a critical step for Alaskans to have more equitable influence in our own elections as well as help level the campaign field so that more Alaska citizens might be willing and able to step forward and run for office. Please lend your support to this and any other effort to minimize the effects of wealth and outside interests in our state elections.

thank you,

Bridget Paule  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Diane Wessing [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 12:50 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Limits on campaign contributions

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I agree we should have limits on contributions. But I might also suggest we have full disclosure of said contributions.

Thanks for asking.

Diane Wessing

District 6

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**From:** Zachary Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 10:48 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** I support HB 16

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Zach Brown and I am a resident of Gustavus, AK. I support HB 16. Money in politics is the ultimate problem facing our society, from which virtually all other ills spread. When the richest Americans can buy elections, the richest Americans have power over the rest of us. That's fundamentally un-democratic and un-American.

Please enact HB 16 to place common-sense spending limits on elections.

Thank you,  
Zach Brown  
Gustavus, AK

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**From:** Hope Meyn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 8:52 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** House Bill 16 – Campaign Finance Reform

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Dear Campaign Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my support for HB 16. As an active and engaged Anchorage citizen, I value the impact that donations of time and money can have on the outcome of an election. I think that it can be a meaningful way for constituents to show their support and be engaged in democracy - however when campaign contributions are limitless, it opens the door not only for corruption, but also decreases the impact of small donations by everyday Alaskans.

Every hardworking honest Alaskan, including hardworking honest legislators, benefit from limits on campaign contributions. As such, I ask that you please support HB 16.

Best,  
Hope Meyn

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**From:** Skid River [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 6:55 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Campaign Finance Reform Bill HB16

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The placement of reasonable campaign contribution limits will limit outside influence in Alaskan legislation. This will assist in leveling the playing field to represent the will of your constituents. Thank you for your attention to this very important legislation.

Patrick Trojan

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*Blues Alive,*  
*Skid River*  
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**From:** Sheila Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 6:46 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB16

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Please support HB16. This bill is critical for campaign reform. I received mailbox loads of flyers during the last two State elections - the majority paid for by outside Persons/groups. I do not watch t.v. so cannot comment on the saturation of ads I heard about. We don't need groups, organizations, or individuals from outside Alaska Influencing our elections. ALL candidates should be supported broadly by LOCAL/Alaskan citizens. The best way to give everyone the same opportunity is through steps Like HB16. Support "We, the people"!

Stop the buying of candidates,

Sheila Miller  
Ketchikan  
61 year Alaskan Resident

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**From:** dennis marks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 11:15 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Vote YES on HB 16

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To All That This Concerns,

Let's get the big money out of campaigns and restore a one-person, one-vote democracy in Alaska. We can do this by reinstating campaign contribution limits in Alaska with House Bill 16.

Thank you,  
Dennis Marks  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**From:** Anna Mayra [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 8:16 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB 16

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To Whom it May Concern:

We strongly agree with the \$2000 personal limit of campaign contributions.

People with the best and fairest ideas will create legislation which benefits all Alaskans. This is to prevent deep pockets from driving policy that will not benefit the whole.

Thank you for considering our viewpoint.

Anna and Stan Mayra

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 6:48 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB 16

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I support your efforts to establish campaign contribution limits from individuals in each election cycle. We do not want our state to be like Wisconsin where Musk has donated 29 million dollars to elect a far-right judge. I could quibble a bit about the amount, but I trust that in the legislative process you will work that out collegially.

Is the State of Alaska allowed to also limit contributions by PACs? If we limit one, we need to limit the other, or folks will just red tape their way around the limits.

Thank you, you certainly do not have an easy job in Juneau, and I appreciate your efforts.

Kathleen Swick  
long-time Anchorage resident

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**From:** Kathy Christy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 4:45 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB 16

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I am writing in support of a limitation of political contributions. \$2,000 is a reasonable amount to provide support without undue influence. There also needs to be limitation of contributions by corporation and political action committees.

Kathy Christy

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**From:** Daka n Maya [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 11:43 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB16 YES!

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Our political system has become one in which those with the financial capacities win. We are running a system which favors special interests, the wealthy, and the well-connected. I urge transparent and limited contributions to political campaigns. Please support HB16.

Maya salganek

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

## Stuart Relay

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**From:** carolyn minor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 11:36 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please pass HB 16!

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Dear House State Affairs Committee:

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

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**From:** Susan Soule <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 10:45 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB16

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By setting a limit on campaign contributions HB16 would help insure that elections cannot be bought by the rich. We have seen the effects of unlimited campaign contributions at the Federal level, where wealthy contributors have undue influence over policy decisions and often expect and receive favors. Keep Alaska politics free of such corruption, pass HB16.

Susan Soule  
Anchorage



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**From:** Lisa Alexia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 8:46 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Cc:** Rep. Calvin Schrage  
**Subject:** Support HB 16

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Hello,

I write to support HB 16 regarding campaign finance law. Clearly this is necessary in order for our legislators to best represent the will of Alaskans.

Reading all the other previously submitted testimony helped me understand the history: We had strong finance laws, they were struck down as being unconstitutionally too low, this legislation fixes that. If not passed, the voters have approved a ballot initiative to do the same.

We all understand that voters want strong campaign finance laws. Please move this bill forward in its current form.

Thank you,  
Lisa Alexia

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 12:18 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB 16 - Campaign Finance Reform Bill

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Yes, please!

I support restoring campaign limits to \$2,000 per person per election cycle.

Jerrienne Lowther  
3600 Gayot Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99504

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