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I, in the strongest terms possible oppose SB 116.

I have a right to support with my voice, with my time and with my hard earned dollars a candidate(s). This bill violates my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to expend all my energies and treasures by restricting those treasures!

Will this bill reduce outside dollars? Will this really reduce PAC dollars from outside for the Democrat/socialist party, no, plenty of loopholes. This has no impact on independent expenditure group, which is where lot's of money comes from, can we say George Soros? The difference between me and those supporting is that I have zero problem with Democrats spending their treasures for the Democrat candidate.

I am a strong Republican whom is on a fixed income as a retired Air Force NCO and Social Security. Yet, if I choose, I can and have spent money to support excellent Republicans, even in the face of Rank Choice Voting that further harms the ability to elect a solid Republican!

This bill is in violation of the US Supreme Court rulings! This inhibits our ability to support whom we want with all the dollars we want to freely give! If I can afford \$10,000 for my candidate, I will give not based on getting that persons votes on a issue, but rather because that candidate has earned my support! This assertion that this bill will reduce vote buying was a lie from the get go. You in the Democrat/Socialist party get your money and support because those people support you and your stances. Same as I and we Republicans, we support our people, the difference is we stand for freedom, liberty and less government.

BTW this bill in my opinon is being brought because we the voters will not pass a resolution on this topic.

Vote no on passage out of committee and vote no once this comes to the floor!

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