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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE GARA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2014  
TO: Representative Lynn  
FROM: Representative Les Gara  
RE: Hearing Request for HJR 27: Independent Expenditures for Campaign Ads

I respectfully request that House Joint Resolution 27, relating to disclosure of independent expenditures for advertisements for political campaigns, be scheduled for a hearing in the State Affairs Committee. Please feel free to contact me, or my aide Toby Smith, with questions or thoughts at 465-2647.

Attached you will find a background packet for HJR 27. This includes the current version of the bill and a sponsor statement.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Les Gara", written over a horizontal line.

Representative Les Gara

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## Sponsor Statement

### House Joint Resolution 27

#### Disclosure of Independent Expenditures to Influence Public Elections

Many Americans recognize that the ability of large contributions from corporations, unions, and other organizations to political candidates harms the ability of average citizens to have a voice in their own government.

Prior to the landmark United States Supreme Court ruling of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), unlimited independent expenditures from corporations and unions was prohibited. Now, corporations, unions, and other organizations can make unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.

House Joint Resolution 27 urges the United States Congress to enact legislation requiring corporations, unions, other organizations, and individuals to disclose the amount of independent expenditures made to influence public elections and requiring advertisements intended to influence public elections purchased through independent expenditures to include print and audible disclaimers that clearly identify the top funders of the advertisements.