

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 5, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

We, the undersigned members of the California Delegation of the United States Congress, respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 249, the California DISCLOSE Act. After the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*, we have seen billions of dollars of dark money flood our elections as corporations and other wealthy individuals abuse political action committees (PACs) to anonymously drown out the voice of Californians. AB 249 would increase transparency in our elections and give voters the honest information they need to make informed decisions.

The DISCLOSE Act would require the three largest contributors to be listed on ballot measure ads or ads about candidates by outside groups. For video and television ads, these disclosures must appear background for five full seconds, and each of the three major funders' names must appear on a separate line. The increased transparency requirements would also apply to print advertising.

Increased transparency is most important to voters when it comes to ballot measures that seek to create or change laws through the ballot box. Under current law, innocuous sounding political action committees can spend millions of dollars to trick voters to vote against their own interests when they are really just a middleman for powerful corporate interests. By signing the California DISCLOSE Act, you would empower voters with the information they need to make decisions critical to California's future.

We urge your signature on AB 249 because the money we let into our elections is corrupting our democracy. It is time we reverse the Supreme Court's wrong and give the power back to the people.

Respectfully,



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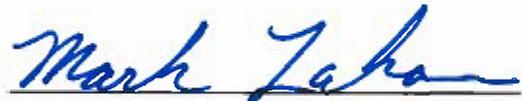
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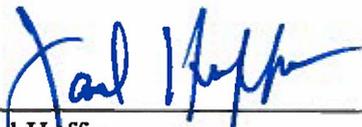
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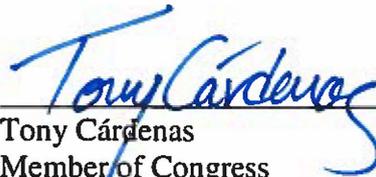
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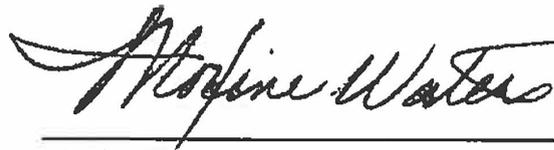
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