

Dear Joint Subcommittee Members.

After living in DC for many years, I was looking forward to being a resident in an actual state with proper representation and election procedures. Now I find that Virginia is quite near the bottom nationally with a lack of transparency and accountability in our state government. We are one of the only states with no dollar limits on all campaign donations, no restrictions on personal use of campaign donations, and no limits on contributions from corporations and special interests. State polling by the Wason Center has published data showing that 80 percent of state citizens want large donations removed from our process. We need to be able to see where the money comes from and where it goes. Our Department of Elections needs to be funded, modernized and have a publicly transparent database to track campaign finance that is available in real time.

Thank you for your efforts to achieve reform.

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