

Date: Jan. 29, 2025

Bill: HB2054

Opponent- Written only Testimony

Conferee: Patricia DeDamos

Representing: Self

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee,

As written I am opposed to HB2054. It appears to remove the financial limits of PAC's , Political Committees or Political Action Committees, see section (d) on page 2 that is crossed out of this bill. While I agree the donation amounts could be increased, as inflation to campaign has no doubttingly increased. Citizens have limits to their donations but PAC's that lump their donations together would not?

Allowing more money from unknown sources into elections can pose a serious threat to the integrity of our democratic process. When large sums of money from undisclosed sources, via PAC's are funneled into political campaigns, it can create a situation where the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by the influence of wealthy special interests. This can lead to a system where elected officials are more responsive to the needs of their big donors rather than the needs of their constituents who elected them.

The lack of transparency surrounding these donations can make it difficult for voters to know who is really behind a particular message, Representative, Senator or campaign. This can create an environment where misinformation and manipulation thrive, and where voters are unable to make truly informed decisions at the ballot box. This will undermine the integrity and erode public trust in our political system. For these reasons, it's crucial that we maintain strong laws **requiring transparency and limiting the influence of money in politics.**

I am opposed to HB2054 as written.

Sincerely,

Patricia DeDamos