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Committee Assistant for the House Committee on Rules Samantha Koopman OR

Dear Committee Assistant for the House Committee on Rules Koopman,

The biggest threat to a democracy is to have political candidates take money from special interests to finance their campaigns. Who are the legislators then required to answer to, and to make laws favoring?

And there are 2 sides to the coin: if the candidate does not take "big money", whether that be corporate or union, then the chances are remote that the candidate will be elected because the opposing candidate, who did accept large contributions from special interests, will flood the airwaves with negative ads and have the ability to do so much more campaigning, which could be deceitful...and the honest candidate won't have the money to refute the lies on TV, radio, or printed materials.

Sincerely,

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