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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,

Thank you for considering House Bill 2578, which establishes small-dollar matching for our elections. If candidates agree not to take large campaign contributions, then small-dollar contributions from everyday people are matched and amplified. This means that a candidate can run for office--and win--by refusing big money from special interests. A very big deal! It means that talented people from a broader spectrum of our communities, even those who don't have networks of wealthy donors, can run to represent their communities. Another big deal! And it means that candidates will spend more time talking to folks like you and me, and not making donor calls to out-of-state corporations. Wouldn't that be a refreshing change?

Again, thanks for considering House Bill 2578.

Sincerely,

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