

Submitter: Steve Cowan
On Behalf Of: Myself and my family
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4024

To our elected representatives whom, as we were taught in school, are supposed to represent the interests of the majority of citizens. We have heard about this bill that allows special interests to contribute to your election campaigns large amounts of money that the vast majority of citizens do not have to give. As a producer of public affairs programming for PBS (OPB) I can assure you that passing this deliberately misleading legislation will earn considerable and ongoing negative press, not only for the loopholes it contains that compromise your integrity and our democracy, but because of the disingenuous way it was unveiled for a rapid vote to avoid reasoned consideration. Passing a bill like this would add to the diminishing faith that a growing number of citizens have in our government.