

**TESTIMONY**  
**HB1378 Corporations and Associations –**  
**Limitations on Election and Ballot Issue Activities**  
**(Maryland Corporate Power Reset Act)**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1378. We need to take money out of politics, in particular corporate money. It is time that again the loudest voice be that of the people.

Currently, corporations can spend unlimited amounts of money without much reporting. Democracy cannot function when the loudest voice belongs to whoever can write the biggest check.

The bill will prohibit foreign and domestic entities to spend money on ballot questions, funding political advertising, contributing to electioneering efforts, or engaging in activities that distort voter understanding or outcomes. It also establishes sanctions if they do not abide by the law. These two measures will strengthen our democracy.

I respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB1378.

Thank you

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