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Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
145 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**House Bill 1378 - Corporations and Associations – Limitations on Election and Ballot Issue Activities (Maryland Corporate Power Reset Act) - FAV**

Dear Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members:

My name is Owen Anderson, and I am writing to you as a resident of Catonsville, MD. Marylanders should be free to represent our communities and make good policy without fear of corporate spending. I urge you to strengthen Maryland voices by supporting **HB 1378**, *Maryland Corporate Power Reset Act*.

**Democracy is not free when money buys influence.**

Unlimited corporate spending has distorted our elections, shaped policy outcomes behind closed doors, and allowed wealthy interests to dominate ballot campaigns. Marylanders are exhausted by a political system where corporate money drowns out the voices of actual people.

**HB1378 is a necessary step toward reclaiming political power for the public.**

The bill prohibits foreign and domestic entities from using their financial power to influence Maryland elections or ballot issue campaigns. This includes spending money on ballot questions, funding political advertising, contributing to electioneering efforts, or engaging in activities that distort voter understanding or outcomes.

When these entities violate the bill's election related restrictions, HB1378 authorizes the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to fine, suspend, or revoke the ability to operate in Maryland, ensuring meaningful accountability. These limits prevent corporate actors from dominating political debates or drowning out community voices.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on **HB1378**.

Sincerely,

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