

Hello. My name is Lisa Siano and I live in Columbia MD.

I am writing to urge a favorable report on HB 1378.

The 2010 Citizens United Supreme Court decision fundamentally altered U.S. elections by allowing corporations, unions, and associations to spend unlimited, undisclosed funds on independent political ads. It struck down bans on corporate/union electioneering communications, ushering in the era of super PACs and massive “dark money” expenditures, which increased over 28-fold between 2008 and 2024.

That decision has allowed corporations and the wealthiest in this country to manipulate politics to suit their whims and interests to the detriment of ordinary Americans.

HB 1378 would negate that harm in Maryland. Therefore I urge a favorable report on HB 1378