

It's Your Vote – Not Money – that Should Count

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Sen. Jeff Smith writes about the Ready to Amend Act, legislation he introduced last week as part of the Campaign Integrity Package to help restore faith in the electoral process.

MADISON - Last week I joined a number of other legislators to introduce the Campaign Integrity Package, legislation to help restore faith in the electoral process. We know there isn't one quick fix to get money out of our political process, but it will take a number of changes—and the Campaign Integrity Package is a start.

Nearly every day I see or hear comments that people feel that they are without a voice and their vote doesn't matter. It's understandable why they feel that way. Billionaires and corporations spend unfathomable amounts of money to influence your vote. Most working Americans can't imagine donating but a few dollars if anything. Someone who can afford to write a \$1 million check to a campaign or third party group can drown out the voices of regular voters and tilt an election in their favor.



Progressive thinking is the only way to solve the problems of our time. It is the only way to create a more just and equitable society. It is the only way to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are met. It is the only way to build a future that is bright and full of hope.