



Voters First Pledge

Dear candidate,

I'm committed to a fair, healthy democracy, so I thank you for running for public office and for your dedication to public service.

In an effort to take big money out of politics, I am mailing you this note as a different type of contribution.

As the cost of campaigns skyrocket and powerful special interests foot the bill for much of it, I'm concerned that our democracy favors wealthy power brokers over the general public.

That's why I'm urging you to sign the Voters First Pledge.

You may remember Jack Abramoff, the former Washington lobbyist now in jail on corruption charges. He bribed members of Congress and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars wining and dining others, providing luxury tickets to sporting events and donating generously to their campaigns.

Until we change the way we pay for our congressional campaigns, there will be other Abramoffs trying to buy off elected officials. We need comprehensive public financing so that federal elections are about ideas, voters and leadership, not wealthy donors and special interests.

I urge you and all candidates to sign the Voters First Pledge. Candidates who sign it promise to support full public financing of campaigns, also called "Clean Elections" or "Fair Elections," if elected. Public financing will:

- ✦ Level the playing field for candidates running for office
- ✦ Allow elected officials to spend time doing their jobs, not dialing for dollars
- ✦ Make voters and small donors more important than big special interest money

With your help and commitment, we can retire the Abramoff dollar bills with public financing. That's something I can really support. Read more at www.commoncause.org/votersfirst.

Thank you and good luck!

Sincerely,

Signature

Date



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