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Honorable Bob Wieckowski
State Capitol
Room 4162
Sacramento, CA 94248

RE: AJR 22 (Wieckowski and Allen) – Campaign Finance Reform – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wieckowski,

On behalf of California Common Cause and our 400,000 national members, please accept this letter of support for Assembly Joint Resolution 22; which states the Legislature's disapproval regarding the United States Supreme Court decision on *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission*.

In addition to memorializing the California Legislature's disagreement with the decision, this resolution calls the United States Congress to propose and send to the states, for ramification, a constitutional amendment to overturn the court's decision.

California Common Cause strongly supports this resolution because the US Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United* has allowed a torrent of unlimited special interest funds into our federal elections. This ruling allows special interests to influence politics through their general treasuries and would ultimately sway government policies towards the needs of the interests and not the needs of voters. AJR 22 would call for the United States Congress to restore constitutional rights and fair elections back to the people.

For these reasons, California Common Cause looks forward to partnering with your office and the sponsors of AJR 22. Please contact me at pung@commoncause.org or (916) 520-4070 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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