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Honorable Julia Brownley  
State Capitol  
Room 2163  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: AB 1648 (Brownley) – CA DISCLOSE Act – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblywoman Brownley,

On behalf of California Common Cause and our 400,000 national members, please accept this letter of support for Assembly Bill 1648, the California DISCLOSE Act.

AB 1648 would provide essential reforms to California's campaign finance disclosure laws and increase transparency in our elections. This bill would identify the top contributors of ballot measure campaigns in all television ads, radio ads, print and mass mailing ads, and websites; and would require other contributors to be listed on Secretary of State's website.

California Common Cause strongly supports these disclosure provisions because every election cycle special interests flood voter's airwaves and mailboxes with messages from political action committees and ballot measure committees. These PACs and other committees consistently employ deceitful names and monikers in an attempt to fool voters. California voters deserve to have honest information about who is funding political campaigns. This information is critical to making informed decisions.

For these reasons, Common Cause looks forward to partnering with your office and the sponsors of AB 1648 to bring transparency to California's elections.

Please contact me at [pung@commoncause.org](mailto:pung@commoncause.org) or (916) 520-4070 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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