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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SB 332 – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT**

February 4, 2021

Get Money Out (GMOM) is an all-volunteer organization established eight years ago. We want all citizens to have equal access to the ballot and an equal say in governance. Through our grassroots actions, we have signed up over 9,000 supporters.

We believe that full and prompt disclosure of campaign spending and contributions is essential to everyone having equal access to the ballot. In the absence of such disclosure, voters may not understand the true meaning of advertising and other political messaging that occurs during a campaign. Senate Bill 332 is intended to further that goal by expanding the definition of “doing public business.”

Under existing law, candidate campaigns and other campaign finance entities must report large contributions and expenditures, but entities doing public business must make reports every six months. The timing requirements of these reports are such that certain large contributions might not be publicly available from a campaign finance entity, but the reports for entities doing public business are bi-annual regardless of campaign cycles. Therefore, more information will come out sooner under this bill.

Any for-profit provider of service receiving State subsidy should be considered to be doing public business, regardless of the particular service provided. We do feel that the wording of the bill stigmatizes substance abuse and mental health treatment, and we believe that there is a more appropriate way to capture contributions from more entities doing public business. Therefore, we ask the Committee to consider the following amendment:

Page 2, lines 10-11, strike, “SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROVIDER” and substitute “PROVIDER OF SERVICES TO STATE-SUBSIDIZED CLIENTS”.

Those seeking undue influence over in our political system will find every crack in the system. Senate Bill 332, with the amendment we propose, will close a gap and better achieve the purpose of the reporting by those doing public business.