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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 332

Bill Title: Campaign Finance - For-Profit Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Providers - Disclosure of Contributions

Hearing Date: February 4, 2021 – Education, Health, and Environmental Matters Committee

Chair: The Honorable Paul Pinsky; Vice Chair: The Honorable Cheryl Kagan

I write to you today in **support** of Senate Bill 332. The disclosure of campaign funds raised has become a fundamental principle in our political system. The public disclosure of funds raised – and funds spent – allows the citizenry to know who is funding political campaigns and their messages, allowing voters to make an informed decision when going to the ballot box. It has never been more important for citizens to know who is spending money to promote or defeat political candidates. Further, the public disclosure of campaign funds also allows for the prevention of political corruption and for candidates to be held accountable.

The purpose of Senate Bill 332 is to alter the definition of “contract” to include Medicaid reimbursement contracts with a for-profit substance abuse and mental health treatment provider. In short, when a political candidate is disclosing campaign contributions, he, she, or they must disclose if an individual (s) has business dealings with a for-profit substance abuse and mental health provider – even if that provider’s contract is to the extent of only receiving Medicaid reimbursement (s).

In efforts to provide relevant accountability of political candidates and fully disclose campaign contributions to the public, we hope that you will move for a **favorable** report of Senate Bill 332.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray'.

Cory V. McCray
State Senator