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**Action Alert from
League of Women Voters of North Carolina and Democracy North Carolina**

Take Action

Live from the NC House: URGENT action needed for reform!

Dear Democracy Advocate,

I'm writing to you from inside the NC General Assembly, where members of the House Election Law Committee have just approved an important voter-owned elections bill!

The bill, SB-20, creates a way for candidates to run for office without a single dollar of special interest support. Specifically, the legislation expands North Carolina's successful Voter-Owned Elections program to the state Treasurer's office and expands authorization for local public campaign financing.

SB-20 does NOT raise taxes or fees. It helps politicians focus on voters rather than dialing for dollars. It has wide support from North Carolina voters, but faces tough opposition from well-funded special interest groups. **We expect House members to get flooded with anti-reform calls tonight.**

[CLICK HERE NOW](#) to urge your NC House Representative to support SB-20: Voter-Owned Elections!

Inside the Committee Room...

Special interest groups like the Homebuilders and Realtors were here in droves. These groups oppose Voter-Owned Elections because they want 'business-as-usual' to prevail in Raleigh-and they are willing to do anything they can to stop this bill. Just last week, our opponents financed a massive smear campaign to help derail a similar Voter-Owned Elections initiative in the state Senate. **As we speak, this group-and possibly others-are planning a similar astro-turf campaign to smear SB-20.**

We cannot let big-money special interests block real reform!

Please contact your Representative right now and ask them to stand up against the special interest lobbies. Tell them to support Senate Bill 20: Voter-Owned Elections. Phone calls are also a great way to get your message to your Representative! After you send your email, please **[call their office](#)** in Raleigh and leave them a message!

Now, it's back to work. For more on Voter-Owned Elections and what they are, [please visit Democracy NC's website](#).

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NC Voters for Clean Elections Coalition
(Democracy North Carolina is a proud member of the NCVCE Coalition)

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