

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY OF CALIFORNIA

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The Honorable Jimmy Gomez and
The Honorable Marc Levine
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 14 California Disclose Act (Gomez and Levine)

SUPPORT

Dear Assembly members Gomez and Levine:

The Peace and Freedom Party of California, is a ballot qualified party that first obtained ballot status in January 1968. It is one of four alternative ballot qualified parties in California. Peace and Freedom Party is in support of AB 14, the California Disclose Act.

Under current law big money flows into and fills campaign coffers but voters are unaware of who are funding these campaigns. This lack of transparency ends up costing the taxpayers with cuts in services while the special interest contributors collect on their donations by killing bills that hurt their investments or regulate their businesses, and by getting bills passed that increase their profits. AB 14 would help voters by requiring that the top three contributors of \$50,000 or more must clearly identify themselves in their print and visual advertisements and the top two advertisers in audio ads. These ads must show true funders rather than misleading names.

For nearly 50 years Peace and Freedom Party has supported ideas to make our elections more open, transparent and fair. Two of the reforms we support: Proportional Representation and equal public funding of all ballot qualified candidates would open the door for a truly represented government. In the meantime, as long as private money runs our elections, we will support reforms that helps expose the under belly of private campaign contributions. This bill would help shed some light on dark money and is one of the reasons that Peace and Freedom Party stands in support of AB 14.

Please add Peace and Freedom Party of California as being in support of AB 14. Further, we urge Assembly members and Senators to vote in the affirmative when it come up for a vote.

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