

New Hampshire - HB 504 Possible constituent script for Representative on Legislative Committee for hearing Thursday 1/24/19; 11:15 am; Room 303

Hello, my name is _____. I live in _____ County and am a constituent of Representative _____. I want to make sure Representative _____ knows that HB 504 will be coming before him/her on the Legislative Administration Committee Thursday January 24th at 11:15am.

HB 504 provides concise and clear language for a US Constitutional Amendment that would establish the underlying principles of fairness with regards to money in elections and governance as well as end the unfair practice of drawing district lines to favor or disfavor a political party.

As a constituent of Representative _____ I know that he/she entered public service to help make our state and country better – and that he/she is a staunch defender of democracy in New Hampshire and in the US. I also know that he/she and his/her colleagues bear the brunt of a system overrun by money. I have no doubt that Representative _____ supports the simple principle that money in elections and governance should be transparent, prevent corruption and protect against the buying of access to or influence over representatives. And, that he/she is in favor of eliminating the unfair practice of drawing district lines that intentionally or unduly favor or disfavor a political party.

In addition to Representative _____'s personal commitment to fair democracy, [82 New Hampshire Towns](#) have independently voted to ask the New Hampshire legislature to pass a constitutional amendment addressing money in elections and governance. 80 percent of New Hampshire voters, across party lines, believe 'Big Money' is a problem in New Hampshire elections (source: https://www.opendemocracyaction.org/2018_voter_dollars_bill_polling_data). More than 2/3 of NH citizens support a constitutional amendment to address money in elections and governance (source: <http://united4thepeople.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/NHpoll.pdf>). And, 84% of US adults believe that money has too much influence on elections (source: NY Times Poll: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/06/02/us/politics/money-in-politics-poll.html>)

Thank you for your time. And I hope Representative _____ will enthusiastically support and vote for HB 504 in committee and on the floor when it comes before him/her/

[Give them name and address to verify that you are a constituent]

The text of the Amendment contained in HB 504 is below (this is all it is!):

Section I. *Congress and State Legislatures shall regulate the role of money in elections and governance to ensure transparency, prevent corruption, and protect against the buying of access to or influence over representatives. No such regulation shall be deemed in violation of freedom of speech rights in the Constitution of the United States or its Amendments.*

Section II. *Legislative districts or districting plans shall not intentionally or unduly favor or disfavor any political party.*

New Hampshire - HB 504 Possible constituent script for Senators/Representatives in 2019 Session

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