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Rep. Fattman Joins outside Organizations to Push for Campaign Finance Reform

Participants will detail tentative plans for eliminating union loophole in campaign finance law

Boston, MA: On Thursday, July 24th, at 12:00 p.m., State Representative Ryan C. Fattman (R-Webster), along with Paul Craney of Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance and Jonathan Riches of the Goldwater Institute, will hold a media conference call to discuss the failure of the state legislature to close the union loophole in the pending campaign finance bill. Representative Fattman and 28 of his colleagues in the House supported an amendment that would bring union donations to the same level as individual limits. A similar effort failed in the State Senate earlier today spearheaded by State Senator Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). Under the new campaign finance bill, union donations continue to exist at \$15,000 per candidate, per calendar year. They will address next steps to eliminate disproportionate political influence and bring parity to campaign contributions in Massachusetts.

The following event is open to all members of the media; RSVP is required to participate in the call on Wednesday. Please RSVP to Joseph Zarella at Joseph.Zarrella@mahouse.gov.

When: Thursday, June 24th, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. Call info: Will be emailed, once you have RSVPed.

Note: If you are unable to join, please write to <u>Joseph.Zarrella@mahouse.gov</u> for more information.