The North Dakota Anti-Corruption Amendment

WHAT?

Transparency: Requires that significant amounts of money raised or spent to influence state elections be disclosed and placed online for the public to see.

Accountability: Creates a nonpartisan ethics commission to investigate ethics complaints, set ethics rules, and provide ethics training programs.

Bans foreign money: Closes loopholes in federal law, by prohibiting election spending by foreign corporations, countries, and nationals.

Prevents personal use of campaign money: Protects the ban on use of campaign contributions for personal expenses by enshrining it in the constitution.

Bans lobbyist gifts: Restricts gifts from lobbyists to public officials.

Closes the revolving door: Bans elected public officials from serving as lobbyists, and makes it illegal for public officials to take jobs as lobbyists for two years after leaving office.

Roots out conflicts of interest: Strengthens conflict-of-interest rules for members of state agencies.

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WHY?

We have a fundamental right to know who is spending money to influence our elections. We must protect the integrity of our elections from the corrupting influence of secret money.

This measure is about making government in North Dakota work for you and your family, not just the well-connected and powerful.

North Dakota has no impartial source of information, expertise, advice, or investigation on ethical behavior in state government. All but eight other states have an ethics commission. It’s just common sense to hold politicians accountable and increase transparency.

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