

DEMOCRACY AWAKENING 2016

Fair Elections Now Act (S. 1538)

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)

Restore the voices of everyday Americans in our politics. The Fair Elections Now Act intensifies the electoral power of the American people – ensuring that the public interest is put ahead of special interests.

EMPOWER AMERICANS TO PARTICIPATE

Provide everyday Americans with a refundable My Voice Tax Credit (\$25 for individuals and \$50 for joint filers) to help spur small-dollar contributions to Senate candidates. Empowering more Americans to participate in campaign giving will improve our representative democracy and reduce Congress' dependence on big money interests.

AMPLIFY THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Multiply the impact of small-dollar donations and raise the voice of everyday Americans in our political process. A combination of grants, matching funds, and vouchers replace campaign fundraising that relies on large contributions and special interests, making average Americans just as powerful as wealthy donors.

FIGHT BACK AGAINST BIG MONEY SPECIAL INTERESTS

Protect the voice of the people against secret special interest spending. Participating candidates could accept contributions from People PACs (PACs that accepts small dollar contributions of \$150 or less, but can aggregate those contributions up to \$5000 in donating to candidates), preventing Super PACs and outside special interests from drowning out small-donor backed candidates.

GET INVOLVED

We need your voice in this movement. As of April 4, 23 Senators have joined Senator Durbin on the bill. If you are not yet among them, contact Stephanie Trifone in Senator Durbin's Judiciary Committee office.