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We will not have anyone to testify on this bill tomorrow, but I have sent the following to each member of the committee. Please enter it into the record.

Dear Rep. Townsend:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Vermont, I am writing today in support of S.120.

The League of Women Voters has focussed on campaign finance since 1972. The League's position on money in politics reads, in part:

The League of Women Voters believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should:

- Enhance political equality for all citizens.
- Ensure maximum participation by citizens in the political process; protect representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns.
- Provide voters sufficient information about candidates and campaign issues to make informed choices; ensure transparency and the public's right to know who is using money to influence elections.
- Enable candidates to compete equitably for public office; ensure that candidates have sufficient funds to communicate their messages to the public; and combat corruption and undue influence in government.

In spite of limits imposed by the Supreme Court, this bill would take us closer to the principles advanced in the League's position.

Please vote to advance this bill and then pass it in the House. Enable Vermont to join the 22 states who already have such laws.

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On Apr 24, 2018, at 9:11 AM, Denise Diehl <DDiehl@leg.state.vt.us> wrote:

Greetings. Paul Burns suggested House Government Operations invite you to testify on S.120 on Wednesday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 49. Please let me know if this works for you. Regards, Denise

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