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To whom it may concern,

RE: Support for the Electoral Legislation (Political Donations) Amendment Bill 2018

I am writing in support of the Electoral Legislation (Political Donations) Amendment Bill 2018, as introduced by Mr Michael Berkman MP, Member for Maiwar, on 6 May 2018.

I am deeply concerned about the potential for corruption in politics, which has become particularly evident following the recent findings of the Crime and Corruption Commission. Clearly donations from large for-profit corporations has played a significant role in many Local Council decisions, and it is hard to believe this influence isn't felt across all levels of government.

The proliferation of development in an unsustainable manner is of particular concern. This is clearly linked with the powerful influence of large scale developers, and it is frightening to view donor registers in comparison with development approvals. These buildings are going up without adequate consideration of the impact on local schools, congestion, public transport or public amenity. The community has had enough, yet few politicians want to listen.

This legislation is a step towards keeping corruption out of politics and ensuring politicians are working for, and with, people, not corporate sponsors.

I urge the Committee to support this legislation. I believe it should be enacted as soon as possible to ensure the democratic values we claim to espouse are upheld.

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