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## **DEMO CAMPAIGN "REFORM"**

ALL-DEMOCRAT "REFORM" BILL MORE PROTECTION FOR DEMOCRAT "RULING CLASS"; AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT CHANGE, NOT INCUMBENCY PROTECTION

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WON'T BE FOOLED BY TODAY'S DEMOCRATIC REFORM OFFENSIVE. INSTEAD OF REAL REFORM ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE, WE SEE THE SAME OLD ALL-OUT PROTECTION FOR THE "RULING CLASS", THE DEMOCRAT INCUMBENTS WHO CONTINUE TO RAKE IN MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES -- NO WONDER THIS LATEST ALL-DEMOCRAT "REFORM" PLAN GOES SOFT ON PACS AGAIN.

IT LOOKS LIKE POLITICAL DAMAGE CONTROL, OR EVEN WORSE, SMOKE SCREENS TO GET SOME BAD IDEAS ENACTED INTO LAW. CLAIMING THE HIGH GROUND ON CAMPAIGN REFORM IS A LOT EASIER THAN PRODUCING IT. REPUBLICANS ARE READY TO ENACT MEANINGFUL, BIPARTISAN REFORM THAT WILL ELIMINATE PACS ALTOGETHER, LIMIT OUT-OF-STATE MONEY, ENCOURAGE SMALL INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS, AND REALLY HELP CHALLENGERS.

UNFORTUNATELY, DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO PUSH ONE OF THE WORST IDEAS AROUND, PUBLIC FINANCING OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. THE LAST THING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR FROM WASHINGTON IS A BUNCH OF INCUMBENT POLITICIANS DEMANDING EVEN MORE MONEY FROM THE TAXPAYERS SO THAT THEY CAN STAY IN OFFICE. TAKE YOUR POLITICAL TIN CUP TO THE TAXPAYERS ON THAT ONE AND SEE WHAT YOU COME BACK WITH: MY GUESS IS, A BLACK EYE AND A FAT LIP.

PUBLIC FINANCING IS A TERRIBLE IDEA, JUST LIKE THE SO-CALLED SPENDING LIMITS THE RULING CLASS WANTS TO DROP ON CHALLENGERS: LET'S FACE IT, SPENDING LIMITS ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT CHANGE AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING CHANGE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT MORE TAX DOLLARS PLUS MORE INCUMBENCY PROTECTION EQUALS MORE OUTRAGE FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.