

## PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING TALKING POINTS

**The right to free speech** – including political speech – is a cornerstone principle of liberty. America's founding fathers understood this and protected this right in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights.

**Politicians want you** to believe "Public Campaign Financing" will clean up the political process, but the legislation actually protects and enriches politicians under the guise of "reform" and is a direct violation of our constitutionally protected rights.

## **Public Campaign Financing:**

- Forces you to fund candidates for office you don't support.
- Rewards politicians for bad behavior.
- Is a smokescreen that limits your 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights.
- Allows politicians to secure their power in office by ensuring their constituents will fund future campaigns, regardless of their voting record.
- Forces you to participate in elections, whether you want to or not.

**Public Financing** silences opposition to a candidate and his views, by ensuring non-supporters will still be compelled to fund his efforts.

**It is contrary to liberty** to force Americans to participate in any activity – including campaigns for office.

Americans should be free to choose whom they will support with their money.



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