



Jason Gillman,
 Republican,
 104th District
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Dear Michigan House candidate,

The **Michigan Campaign Finance Network** is a nonprofit nonpartisan organization based in Lansing. Our mission is to shine a light on the role of money in state politics. As reform efforts gain more and more support from the public, **we are asking candidates for the Michigan House to answer the following questions about where they stand.** Replies will be shared with the public and local media.

What To Do With Responses: Responses can be emailed to **Craig Mauger**, MCFN's executive director, at craig@mcfn.org or can be sent standard mail to him at the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, 600 W. St. Joseph, Suite 3G, Lansing Michigan, 48933.

*Additional comments can written on the back of this page or added in the email.

Our questions:

Q= Qualified, or more information

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- 1. Do you believe the role money is playing in our state's political system is a problem that deserves legislative attention? YES Q NO _____
- 2. Do you believe donors paying for so-called "issue ads" that don't expressly advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate should have to be disclosed? YES X NO _____
- 3. Do you believe Michigan lawmakers should have to file personal financial disclosures to combat potential conflicts of interest as lawmakers do in 47 other states? YES Q NO _____
- 4. "Super PACs" can take unlimited contributions but are supposed to act independently of the candidates they support. Should state candidates be able to participate in fundraisers for "Super PACs" that support them? YES X NO _____
- 5. Should lobbyists have to disclose all their spending for food and beverage hospitality for state lawmakers and administrative officials and identify the beneficiaries of that hospitality from the first \$1 they spend? YES X NO _____
- 6. Currently, lobbyists can buy gifts for state lawmakers valued at less than \$58. Should lobbyists be able to purchase gifts for state officials? YES _____ NO Q
- 7. Do you believe all donations to candidates should be disclosed and reported in advance of election dates? YES X NO _____
- 8. Do you agree with the U.S. Supreme Court's *Citizens United* ruling? YES X NO _____
- 9. If you are elected and start a nonprofit to help pay officeholder-related expenses, support political advocacy or to make charitable contributions, will you disclose your donors? YES Q NO _____

1. The actual problem is not money itself. THAT is merely a 'symptom.'

The 'problem' is that government can do too much for those who patronize, either individually, or aggregately.

3. A qualified answer. I believe in personal privacy, but there have been too many occurrences where an appearance of impropriety exists to ignore. However, there are so many ways to mask benevolence, that 'chasing a tail' comes to mind. See item #1 above. The solution is to limit the ability of government to reward political benevolence.

6. I Wonder where \$58 comes from? Gifts of this amount are negligible in terms of influence, and typically in the form of 'appreciation' plaques, etc. (and after the fact) In any event, gifts from those who are lobbying for advantage should not be possible. (See #1), nor needed.

9. You can do this???? Cool. Not. Short answer is that I cannot imagine ever having to resort to this. However, transparency for all political activities is a better idea.

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