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Dear Secretary

I note that your Committee is conducting a review of Federal election funding laws.

In my submission, the basic philosophy of electoral funding is that it should be open and transparent. Current legislation fails this test, with high disclosure thresholds and delayed reporting.

The legislation should be revised to incorporate the following:

- all political donations over \$500 should be disclosed (including smaller donations to one body which total more than \$500 in a calendar year);
- all donations should be published on line within 14 days of receipt;
- no donor should be allowed to give more than \$20,000 to a single body in a calendar year.

Yours sincerely
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