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The Honorable Jodi Remke
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
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RE: FPPC Regulation 18616

Dear Chair Remke,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed amendments to Regulation 18616 which is intended to close the loopholes that permit lobbying interests to report large expenditures with little or no detail under the vague category of "other payments to influence."

It is essential that the public, press, and legislators are given detailed information regarding every aspect of lobbying campaigns. The proposed amendments would go a long way toward achieving that goal.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments, I would also be happy to assist the Commission with any associated and necessary statutory changes to further expand the level of disclosure related to lobbying activities.

Sincerely,

Senator Ben Allen