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The Honorable Governor Dannel P. Malloy
State Capitol
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June 12, 2014

Dear Governor Malloy,

I write to respectfully urge you to call on the Democratic Governors Association (DGA) to end its attempt to prevent the enforcement of Connecticut's campaign finance laws.

Based upon a hypothetical question asked by DGA, the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) stated in a Declaratory Ruling that it is not presumed to be a coordinated expenditure "if a candidate fundraises on behalf of an eventual maker of independent expenditures, unless the maker has made or obligated to make independent expenditures in the past. The implication is that if the maker had made them in the past, then said fundraising might be used as evidence of coordination." (SEEC Declaratory Ruling 2-14-02)

The DGA did use independent expenditures to support your election in 2010. As a result, the presumption of independent expenditures by the DGA in the 2014 election would require SEEC to enforce our clean election laws to protect the integrity of our election laws.

The above, coupled with DGA losing its federal suit requesting an injunction to prevent the SEEC from enforcing the state campaign finance laws, places the efforts of the DGA at odds with the laws of the State of Connecticut.

In addition, any effort by the DGA to continue with its actions to disregard our campaign laws and potentially cause an illegal act is of great concern.

Governor, you and I have been strong advocates for tough campaign finance laws. Connecticut has been a model for the nation in the area of campaign finance reform. I hope you will take this opportunity to write a letter to the DGA and demand that it not get involved in the election this year. You would be taking a stand in favor of clean and transparent elections in the State of Connecticut.

We have all come too far to clean our election system to allow the DGA to eviscerate our system. As the Governor of our state, you can send a resounding message that our election laws need to be protected. I would be the first to applaud you if you do so. I believe it is the right thing to do.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Len".

Len Fasano
State Senator