

Andrea Gyger

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Dear Andrea Gyger,

Even though I do not live in Colorado, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to campaign finance laws as being a violation of free speech. Government claims that they need to have such regulations to level the "issues" playing field. But these regulations and reporting requirements only serve to inhibit free speech by making it costly and time consuming for anyone wanting to advocate for or against an issue. While how much money anyone or any group is willing to spend on advocacy is irrelevant, the current regulations actually make it harder for individuals or small groups to mount an effort for or against an issue - something the original regulations were intended to deal with. (This is a prime example of government regulations that are intended to solve a problem actually creating a bigger problem). As a minimum the financial reporting threshold should be set as high as possible with minimum donor information required. I recently donated to Diana Hsieh's and Ari Armstrong's paper on the Colorado Personhood amendment and I had to supply name, address, etc. Who or what I contribute to should be no ones business but my own.

Thank you for your attention.

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