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To the Editor,

The League of Women Voters supports open and honest elections with full participation of citizens in the political process. Financing of political campaigns is problematic in our state. A Campaign Reform bill that did not do the job was vetoed by Governor Quinn in August. The Governor and legislative leaders pledged genuine reform and have a bill ready for the October Veto Session.

There is **one large resounding barrier to true reform in this bill**: legislative leaders are refusing to limit the amount political parties and caucuses can contribute. This means:

- Party leaders can continue to give literally millions of dollars to candidates and incumbents
- The voices of those who cannot afford large contributions will still not be heard
- Good new candidates will continue to be under the control of the leaders who fund them rather than the constituents who elect them.

Speak out against corruption for real reform!

**Call the CHANGE Illinois Hotline 1-800-719-3020**

Tell your state senator and state representative we need meaningful Campaign Contribution limits that include contributions from political parties and legislative leaders' caucuses

Sincerely,

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