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Representative Sargent & Senator Larson Introduce the Stop Unlimited Contributions Act

MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement to announce the introduction of LRB 1319/1, the Stop Unlimited Contributions Act:

“Earlier this week, I had the pleasure to introduce the Stop Unlimited Contributions Act, a bill designed to restore the integrity of our democracy by limiting the influence of special interest money in our state. As the Fourth graders around Wisconsin are taught each year, our democracy is founded on the principle of ‘One person. One vote.’ Yet, the power and influence of money in our political system continues to threaten that cornerstone of our democracy, and to hold it at the mercy of the wealthy few and corporations,” said Sargent.

Senator Chris Larson (D-Milwaukee) added: “The sad fact is that the average Wisconsinite has been priced out of their democracy, and that has to change. We can no longer accept a reality where corporations have the rights of people, but not the responsibilities; or where a few ultra-wealthy individuals have the power to buy elections.”

“It is time to restore the integrity of our democracy by limiting the influence of special interest money in our government– sensible donation limits will result in our elections representing the will of ordinary people, not the interests of the wealthy few. This bill addresses some of the most damaging campaign finance problems, as identified by groups like the non-partisan Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. This bill would stop unlimited contributions to political parties and legislative campaign committees, and would also stop unlimited giving from political parties and legislative campaign committees to a candidate committee. Finally, it would eliminate separate segregated funds that have been abused for the past two campaign cycles.

It is time for a fresh start and a clean government in Wisconsin. This bill will fight for the voices of the people of Wisconsin, and work to return the power to them, rather than to the highest bidder,” concluded Sargent.

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Melissa Sargent is a Representative in the Wisconsin State Assembly, representing the 48th Assembly District, which covers the North and East sides of the city of Madison and the Village of Maple Bluff.