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Dear Supporter,

Our democracy is under attack. Our nation's governance flips between Democratic and Republican party leadership, while our elected officials cater to moneyed interests and crony corruption, at the expense of progress and prosperity for the ordinary citizen. Americans across the political spectrum agree that reform is needed, but our leaders offer only empty gestures and promises at best. At worst, they seek to further entrench their power and line their pockets, under the guise of meaningful reform.

The Free & Equal Elections Foundation is a non-partisan, non-profit educational organization dedicated to providing people with the tools and information they need to make educated political decisions, participate in their government, and work together towards a better future.

We are the only national organization which seeks to empower citizens across all areas of the political process. We strive to create leadership that may develop and promote its own reforms – new ideas of unknown promise and potential. While many organizations offer noble and thoughtful prescriptions for reform, we believe meaningful participation in government begins by empowering citizens to create their own solutions. Who knows what untapped potential lies latent within our nation's people? Free & Equal intends to find out.

With only a small group of talented individuals, Free and Equal has been able to accomplish a great deal. Since 2008 we've held numerous all-inclusive debates, helped organize the first CATO Institute forum on ballot access, and given presentations on electoral reform at the 2010 Global Forum on Direct Democracy, the U.S. Social Forum, Freedom Fest, the Midwest Liberty Festival, Hempstalk, Constitutional Presentations and the International Conference of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, as well as Libertarian and Green Party state and national conventions.

Free & Equal has been active on many fronts. **We have consistently appeared in national media, including the New York Times, ABC, Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, and National Public Radio, as well as many regional and internet media publications.** We've informed voters about specific legislation, independent and third party campaigns, and incidents of political corruption and unfair practices in 21 states. **Free & Equal's reach is international – in 2010 I met with Costa Rican Vice President Alfio Pivia and other Costa Rican leaders to discuss possibilities for electoral reform.**

We recently completed a major website redesign, enabling greater participation by facilitating individual state "caucuses" and expanded social media interaction. Our new website directs activists to resources for electoral reform, such as those provided by Ballot Access News and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

We plan to build on our successes in 2011, by hosting even more all-inclusive debates, nationwide meetings and conferences on electoral reform. We plan to expand our voter and candidate education programs, including the production of ballot access guides for all 50 states, as well as our efforts to empower activists through individual state "caucuses". We hope the activism we nurture and inspire will surpass everything we do here at headquarters – for this is our goal and calling at Free & Equal.

Sixteen states have or are introducing ballot access bills this year including Arizona, Illinois, New York, Maryland, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Free and Equal and Illinois Rep. Jim Watson recently announced HB2854, and with your support, Free & Equal can help many other states push these bills through.

We've been able to accomplish so much due to many concerned citizens such as you who support Free & Equal and the cause of electoral reform. In order to make our mission a reality, Free and Equal hopes you can make your most generous donation today. Again I want to thank you for your continued support of Free & Equal.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina Tobin". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christina" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Tobin".

Christina Tobin
Founder and President, Free and Equal Elections Foundation