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Representative Brown and the House Elections Committee
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Dear Representative Brown and the House Elections Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Minnesota establishing a more robust public finance program to ensure that the voices of every day Minnesotans have their voices heard.

Public funding from small contributions would allow candidates to listen to their constituents instead of Big Money. It encourages politicians to seek out numerous non-wealthy supporters who are more reflective of our districts when fundraising, rather than just a few huge contributions. It would broaden the pool of contributors, officeholders, and candidates while also amplifying regular people's views.

With more voters and candidates from diverse backgrounds being involved in the electoral process, public trust in government will grow and Minnesota's democracy will grow stronger.

I am so tired of money in politics! I am pleased with the tax system where I believe the donation is refunded, but I would prefer having a more direct route for financing as some individuals do not have the funds to make donations so far too many constituents have less of a voice.

Please support a robust public financing system for Minnesota. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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