

Senator Bieda offered the following concurrent resolution:

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22.**

A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that adds transparency to our electoral process by improving disclosure laws on political spending.

Whereas, Democratic elections conducted in a fair and impartial manner are a hallmark of our great country. They are the cornerstone of our system of government; and

Whereas, Large political contributions in which there is no disclosure of donors is corrosive to democracy, as dark money will always darken democracy. Our hallowed elections should not be unduly affected by special interests who hold enormous purse strings and want to buy influence. Democracy belongs to all of the people, not just the wealthy; and

Whereas, Recent court decisions have unleashed political spending without prudent disclosure into our elections. The U.S. Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision opened the floodgates, and subsequent decisions have further turned the spigot; and

Whereas, Reforms at the national level are necessary to curb secretive campaign contributions and shed light on the donors of political spending. The federal Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections (DISCLOSE) Act (S. 1585) would require outside groups that spend over \$10,000 on election advertising, including super PACs, to disclose their donors and source of funding within 24 hours. The DISCLOSE Act also contains provisions designed to further mitigate spending in U.S. elections by foreign entities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that adds transparency to our electoral process by improving disclosure laws on political spending; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.