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Testimony of Representative Morgan Rielly in support of

LD 951, An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Good morning, Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. I am Morgan Rielly, and I represent House District 127, which includes part of Westbrook. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of **LD 951, An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources** for your consideration.

I hear time and time again from my constituents and voters across the state about the need for more transparency when it comes to money in politics. It's one of the reasons why I ran for office and why I'm here today as a cosponsor of this bill.

According to Pew Research, 83% of Republican and Republican-leaning Independents along with 80% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents agree that individuals who donate tons of money to campaigns have too much influence on our politicians.¹ Republicans, Democrats and Independents all agree that lobbyists, corporations and special interest groups have too much influence on our politics. Further, voters across the aisle support limiting the amount of money spent on campaigns and expect their representatives to take action.

LD 951 presents the opportunity for the 132nd Legislature to take action in addressing voters' concerns about transparency by requiring the disclosure of campaign funding sources.

I urge my colleagues to vote ought to pass on **LD 951**. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

¹ <https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2023/09/19/money-power-and-the-influence-of-ordinary-people-in-american-politics/>