

(Against) I-04-2022 - Voters' Right to Know Act

Prop XXX is Unconstitutional and will Make Cancel Culture Worse

We urge the voters of Arizona to reject **proposition XXX**, an unconstitutional measure designed to silence and harass private citizens, organizations, and non-profit groups for exercising their first amendment rights.

One of the bedrock principles our country was founded upon was the right to free speech, which includes being able to support causes and issues they believe in without fear of harassment and intimidation. Just last year the US Supreme affirmed this right, declaring that any effort to require non-profit organizations to publish the names of their donors and supporters is unconstitutional.

Yet **Prop XXX** ignores the first amendment and would attempt to implement a draconian disclosure scheme that would be impossible for any group to comply with and would immediately lead to litigation. Even more offensive is that the measure would not apply to the media, big tech or to the labor unions, which have a specific carve-outs in **Prop XXX** that exempts them from the disclosure requirements.

In effect, **Prop XXX** is designed to target citizens whom the drafters of the measure do not like, simply because they have beliefs and values with which they do not agree. They want the names of private citizens so that they can doxx, harass and cancel them in their communities. And they intend to use their friends in Big Tech and the Corporate Media (which are exempt from this initiative) to aid them in their quest.

We do not need another unconstitutional law on the books that will only make cancel culture worse. Vote No on **Prop XXX**.

Scot Mussi, President, Arizona Free Enterprise Club, Gilbert

Sponsored by Arizona Free Enterprise Club

Don't let the title fool you; this initiative is about bullying some citizens out of campaign involvement. Proponents of the "Voter's Right to Know Act" would like you to think deep pockets on only one side of an issue or one party are funding campaigns. In truth, folks on all sides exercise their free speech rights by contributing to campaigns with which they agree.

The difference is how some want to name the contributors in an effort to force a boycott, bully, and otherwise silence the speech of those with whom they disagree. The desired effect is to scare contributors out of donating to campaigns, while their own donors virtue signal by touting their donations to woke causes.

The hypocritical nature of this initiative is apparent in the fact that it demands disclosure from private groups, but big tech, corporate media, and labor unions are all exempt. Ironic that all those exempted favor one party over the other.

All citizens should be free to put their money and effort behind campaigns they support without the risk of conspired retaliation by those in opposition.

The measure is also likely unconstitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court has already ruled that campaign

(Against) I-04-2022 - Voters' Right to Know Act

contributions are free speech.

Please vote NO.

Cathi Herrod, President, Center for Arizona Policy Action, Phoenix