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Good morning and thank you for taking my comments.

Major reform of the way campaigns are financed is the most important issue facing our democracy. Without it, we plunge headlong further down the path of corrupt oligarchy, and until money is eliminated from our political system, no other problems we face can be solved in favor of the American People, but rather will only be decided in a way that further steals and corrupts our power as a people. Because our national government has much to lose in the way of both power and money through these reforms, it is unlikely those in Congress will even consider them. It is thus incumbent upon the states to do the right thing by the people, and as more and more of them do so, the federal government will be pressed hard to follow suit. This is the way that so many national changes have been born.

Contribution limits lie at the heart of the matter, but so does partisan gerrymandering and lobbying. Laws must be passed to strictly limit campaign contributions and lobbying in a way that eliminates any loopholes, and rules to remove politicians from drawing district lines must be created and strictly enforced. Consequences for violations must be steep (I'm talking perp walks, hand cuffs, the whole thing). Until corporate America is barred from buying politicians and the cheaters are successfully deterred, the people have no hope of governing or even surviving. We will continue to live to serve the 1%, foregoing all benefit of the tax dollars we slave to pay only to increase their profits, while we are being rapidly slaughtered in public places, while our infrastructure crumbles, and while we live in fear of our health care system, our toxic food chain, our deteriorating environment, our changing climate, our future.

Other critical issues in regard to elections are at odds with our attempt to save democracy in the US. Confidence in the legitimacy of our free and fair elections (without which democracy cannot survive), is on the precipice and its loss threatens to burn our Republic to the ground. It is clear that we must take massive precautions to prevent the systematic external interference of our election campaigns and the quite effective foreign manipulation of the electorate through social media. Anything that can be done at the state level regarding these issues can and must be done before one more election takes place. We must prove to each other and the world that we can accomplish these reforms before further damage is done.

The importance of all of these necessary reforms cannot be overstated. I'm grateful to finally be led by those who seem to understand this and who are willing to get to work on it, but you must do more than that, for wresting our government back from the elites will most certainly be the fight of all our lives. You must be warriors, brilliant in your strategy, fearless in your approach, flawless in your implementation, and tireless in battle. Your country depends heavily on you now, not just here in Colorado, but across this nation. Bring your A game here, I beg you, and do not be defeated. History is watching you...

Many thanks and much support for your efforts.

Gratefully,
Cindy Lurie

