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March 15, 2016

The Honorable Shirley Weber
Chair, Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee
State Capitol, Room 365
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1828 (Dodd) – Board of Equalization: Campaign Finance Reform -- Support

Dear Assemblymember Weber,

The California Clean Money Campaign is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that has been working on the problems of money in politics in California for more than 14 years, with more than 150,000 supporters across the state who care deeply about improving California's campaign finance system.

On behalf of the California Clean Money Campaign, I am writing to express our support for AB 1828, which addresses loopholes in current law regarding contribution limits and disclosure for the Board of Equalization.

Currently BOE members aren't allowed to accept contributions of \$250 or more from anybody with business before the BOE for 12 months before or 12 months after their hearing, but there are a number of instances reported in the press of firms abusing that threshold by having executives, employees, and others make contributions just below the \$250 threshold.

AB 1828's reasonable response of amending the law to delete the \$250 threshold so that BOE Members would be subject to disclosure and prohibitions in decisions for any contribution they receive and to also extend prohibitions to employees of a party, participant, and agent, regardless of whether they're working on the case, as well as AB 1828's other important provisions, would address these loopholes in current law.

For these reasons we support AB 1828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trent Lange". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Trent Lange
President
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Cc: The Honorable Bill Dodd, Members of the Assembly Elections Committee, and the Honorable Fiona Ma

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