

AMERICAN ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT BY REPRESENT.US

This article documents a “fiercely non-partisan movement to pass tough anti-corruption laws in cities and states across America, and end the legalized corruption that has come to define modern politics”.¹

The nonpartisan movement, Represent.Us, is a not-for-profit entity formed in 2012. The sole purpose of Represent.Us is to launch a campaign to set standards for city, state and federal laws that would prevent money from corrupting American government. The Tallahassee, Florida, chapter of Represent.Us passed the first municipal American Anti-Corruption Act in November, 2014. Cities in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Illinois have also passed Anti-Corruption Resolutions to protect their governments from Big Money’s influence. Represent.Us has a Board of Advisors that represents a broad political spectrum, from progressives to Tea Party conservatives.

The American Anti-Corruption Act model legislation has three primary outcomes:

- Stop political bribery by overhauling lobbying and ethics laws
- End secret money by dramatically increasing transparency
- Give every voter a voice by creating citizen-funded elections

The Act utilizes the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and its enforcement policies, the Department of Treasury, and recommends changing House and Senate rules.²

There are three chapters of Represent.Us in Washington State: Seattle, Tacoma and Whatcom County.³

¹ “About US”, *Represent.us*, <https://represent.us/about/>, viewed 12/30/15

² “Get Money out of Politics: Stop lobbyist bribery, End secret money & Empower voters.”, *The American Anti-Corruption Act*, <http://anticorruptionact.org/full-text/>, viewed 12/30/15

³ Represent.US, <http://volunteer.represent.us/chapters>, viewed 04/18/16