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I as a resident of MI support transparency as a whole.

The notion that a public official or politician can receive anything from a lobbyist is way out of bounds & the fact the state has to spend money on oversight & regulations is frivolous.

Lobbyist have no vote in their position. If they want to advocate for change, they should be held to a lesser ability to sway government policy as it falls under 18 USC §2331(5).

In their professional position it is a position, a job, not a special ability to override the citizens.

No gifts or “favors” should be allowed by any lobbyist, it is corruption & bribery.

The power is in the people, the government exists for the people, not business’ ability to throw money at their special interests overthrowing the people.

I think the State of MI has allowed corruption to erode the integrity of the people in the first place, MI used to rank 2 out of 50 states for corruption, that is because of things like Mike Shirkey former Speaker of the MI Senate receiving \$1,000,000.00 from Michigan State University in 2020 to research reusing single use masks. It was funneling money & bribery at its finest, with no penalty & to think that a University has excess money to funnel such funds to congress is abuse to the people of MI.

Waiting to publish any reports till after such person leaves office creates a hindsight agenda to just allow the abuse & then ignore the abuse, it begets corruption. If the state has a report the people of the state have a right to review such reports as they come in, as filed within the state records or oversights.

If there are 1,844 active registered lobbyist & 1,634 active registered lobby agents getting paid a frivolous salary amount to benefit who pays them the most it overrides the people & the safety of the purpose of government in the first place.

If any politician takes influence from a lobbyist over the people that poses a ethics violation in the first place, they have no right to have the floor otherwise created by frivolous rules allowing it, which this state has spent how much money ever since its creation of statehood?

All forms of lobbying should be banned, one page instead of 21 pages of rules?



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