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Brady Pushes for New Campaign Contribution Limits for Political Party, Legislative Leaders

Springfield...State Representative Dan Brady today redoubled his push for meaningful, across-the-board campaign finance reforms. At a Springfield press conference Brady (R-Bloomington) and several of his Republican colleagues introduced new legislation imposing reasonable caps on contributions from political parties and caucus leaders during the general election.

“Simply put, unlimited money means unlimited power in the hands of a few individuals. That’s business as usual in Illinois, and it’s unacceptable,” said Brady, the Republican Spokesman on the House Elections and Campaign Reform Committee. “The legislation we’re introducing today does what the bill signed into law last year should have done...impose reasonable caps across-the-board in the General Election.”

House Bill 5008 extends to the general election the varied campaign contribution limitations that were created in Senate Bill 1466 (P.A. 96-832). Currently, contributions from political parties and legislative caucus leaders are only limited during the primary election.

“By capping contributions from virtually everyone *but* the party and legislative leaders, last year’s so-called reforms actually strengthened their influence and made a bad situation even worse. This legislation will be a big step forward in correcting the situation by putting power back in the hands of the individual voters,” Brady said.

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