

# SB-11

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Chung of New York introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Represent the People Act of 2023".

### SECTION 2. FINDINGS

Congress finds that--

Federal lobbying spending reached 4.1 billion dollars in 2022;

An increase of 1 percent in corporate lobbying is correlated to an average of 0.5 to 1.6 percent in tax breaks for a corporation the next year;

Corporations spend \$34 lobbying the federal government for every \$1 spent by public interest groups

and trade unions;

Around 50% of retiring senators and 33% of retiring House representatives now register as lobbyists following their retirement.

### **SECTION 3.**

Lobbyists are hereby barred from--

Contributing corporate funds to the re-election campaigns of members of Congress or the election campaigns of those seeking federal office;

Hosting or organizing fundraisers on behalf of Super PACs.

All proceeds from other fundraisers hosted by lobbyists are hereby included in the lobbyist's individual campaign contribution limit as set by the Federal Election Commission.

### **SECTION 4.**

All members of Congress are hereby barred from registering as lobbyists following their terms.

Former members who are currently registered as lobbyists are exempt from this provision.

### **SECTION 5.**

This legislation will go into effect 60 days after signature.

### **SECTION 6.**

Provisions provided by this bill will be enforced by the United States Department of Justice.