

# Care About NC's Environment? Care About Money in Politics.

The people of North Carolina strongly support many conservation issues, including safe drinking water, clean air, and smart growth.

Yet while voters want common-sense regulations, our public officials often drag their feet when it comes to creating or enforcing good environmental laws.

The companies polluting North Carolina are among the biggest donors to state and local political campaigns.



Our elected officials become dependent on this money to run for office. As they become more dependent on the "pollution lobby" for donations, the influence of polluters on OUR public officials also grows.

It is a terrible cycle caused by the dominant role of private money in public elections. We need an alternative way to finance campaigns in our state — Voter-Owned Elections.

## The Pollution Lobby vs. Conservation Lobby

**\*Donations to NC General Assembly Candidates in last 2 election cycles**

**Donations from 45 Pollution Lobby PACs, 2001-2004\*     \$3.7 million**

*Includes the PACs of builders, Realtors, utilities, fuel oil dealers, agribusiness, and billboard, timber, mining and chemical industries*

**Donations Given by Environmental PACs, 2001-2004\*     \$69,600**

*The Conservation Council of N.C. and Sierra Club PACs are the environmental PACs in North Carolina.*

For every \$100 contributed by a pro-environmental PAC, the pollution lobby's PACs donated \$5,400! We will never have the deep pockets of polluters. We need Voter-Owned Elections in order to free politicians from the grip of wealthy donors and make them responsive to voters.

**Call 1-888-OUR-VOTE to  
learn how you can help pass  
meaningful campaign reform.**

### The N.C. Voter-Owned Elections Act:

- Gives candidates a new way to run, without relying on big donors.
- Lets voters decide who gets the benefits of public financing.
- Limits the power of wealthy special interests by providing an alternative source of funds.



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