Stop the Corporate Power Grab
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The so-called “Stop Special Interest Money Now Act” on the Nov. 2012 ballot is MISLEADING, UNFAIR and UNNECESSARY. This measure claims to be about stopping special interest money in politics, but instead it is an attempt to deceive voters into passing a law that would change the rules to benefit wealthy corporate interests at the expense of middle-class workers and their unions.
The measure contains huge loopholes for corporations to make unlimited political contributions and gives corporate special interests even more power.

The measure singles out middle-class workers and their unions for unfair restraints on political spending while providing loopholes for big business. It does nothing to stop corporations or CEOs from contributing to campaigns.

The measure will silence the voice of educators.

The Corporate Power Grab Initiative will effectively prevent educators from using their political voice to protect students, improve schools and colleges, and enhance the teaching profession.

CTA will be curtailed from being a strong advocate for increasing funding for schools and colleges, preserving adequate salaries and secure retirement plans, protecting our right to collectively bargain, Class Size Reduction, opposing No Child Left Behind, and even taking a stand on local school board races and ballot measures.

Members can already opt out of paying dues for political purposes.

This measure attempts to fix something that doesn’t need fixing in order to hide its real intent — to keep educators and unions from speaking out.