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Sen. Jeff Smith writes about the Ready to Amend Act, legislation he introduced last week as part of the Campaign Integrity Package to help restore faith in the electoral process.

MADISON - Last week I joined a number of other legislators to introduce the Campaign Integrity Package, legislation to help restore faith in the electoral process. We know there isn't one quick fix to get money out of our political process, but it will take a number of changes—and the Campaign Integrity Package is a start.

Nearly every day I see or hear comments that people feel that they are without a voice and their vote doesn't matter. It's understandable why they feel that way. Billionaires and corporations spend unfathomable amounts of money to influence your vote. Most working Americans can't imagine donating but a few dollars if anything. Someone who can afford to write a \$1 million check to a campaign or third party group can drown out the voices of regular voters and tilt an election in their favor.

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One of the most important things that we can do as citizens is to vote. It is our duty to participate in the democratic process and to elect the leaders who will represent us in government. We must remember that our vote is the only way to ensure that our voices are heard and that our interests are protected. We must also remember that our vote is a reflection of our values and our beliefs. We must vote wisely and responsibly, and we must stand up for the principles that we believe in. We must also remember that our vote is a reflection of our community and our country. We must vote with pride and with a sense of responsibility. We must vote for the future of our nation and for the future of our world. We must vote for a better tomorrow.