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The Honorable Paul Ryan
United States House of Representatives
1233 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4901

Dear Representative Ryan:

I am writing to encourage your support for campaign disclosure legislation such as the Federal DISCLOSE Act (S. 3369). The DISCLOSE Act is currently pending in the U.S. Senate. Attempts to schedule the legislation for deliberation on the floor of the Senate, however, have failed for lack of a sufficient number of votes in support of cloture beyond a majority.

I have enclosed a certified copy of a resolution of Common Council of the City of Milwaukee supporting passage of the DISCLOSE Act. I am pleased to have been the sponsor of this resolution which was adopted unanimously by the Council on July 24, 2012.

As you know, Wisconsin law limits the amount of campaign contributions that individuals, political action committees and political parties may make. Committees and registrants receiving political contributions must report them by specific deadlines. Reports must include the name and address of any individual contributing more than \$20 in a given year and must also include information about the occupation and employer of any individual contributing more than \$100.

Allowing unlimited contributions from anonymous donors for the purpose of influencing national election campaigns results in a distortion of the democratic process and encourages corruption. It is therefore vital that the United States implement laws guaranteeing transparency in campaign financing at the national level.

It is difficult to comprehend opposition to the modest regulation proposed by the DISCLOSE Act. I believe that most Americans agree with Wisconsin's traditional values of open, honest and fair government. I therefore encourage you to support passage of the DISCLOSE Act or similar legislation in the House of Representatives.

Please let me know whether you intend to sponsor or support legislation such as the DISCLOSE Act in the future and what steps you will take to assure that policy-making is not corrupted by the influence of unlimited amounts of money obtained from anonymous sources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4902

Dear Representative Baldwin:

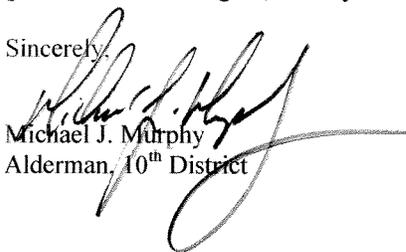
I am writing to thank you for your leadership in cosponsoring the Federal DISCLOSE Act (S. 3369) and for voting to bring this important legislation to the floor. I have enclosed a certified copy of a resolution supporting passage of the DISCLOSE Act. This resolution was adopted unanimously by the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee on July 24, 2012.

As the sponsor of the resolution in the House, I am pleased that the Council has expressly recognized your efforts to support the DISCLOSE Act and to move the legislation forward in the U.S. Senate.

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Governor Tommy Thompson
3950 Commercial Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53714

Dear Governor Thompson:

Congratulations on your victory in the Republican United States Senate Primary. I know you have a long history of supporting strong campaign finance laws, therefore, I am writing to encourage your support for the Federal DISCLOSE Act (S. 3369), if elected to the United States Senate. The DISCLOSE Act is currently pending in the U.S. Senate. Attempts to schedule the legislation for deliberation on the floor of the Senate, however, have failed for lack of a sufficient number of votes in support of cloture beyond a majority.

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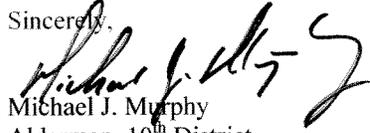
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