



Please Vote No on Non-profit Reporting and Disclosure - HB1201

April 19, 2022

Dear Representative:

On behalf of more than 46,000 Americans for Prosperity – Tennessee (AFP-TN) activists, I encourage you to vote NO on HB1201. Non-profit organizations like AFP, Beacon Impact, Heritage Action, American Conservative Union, Right to Life, NRA, and ATR engage in issue advocacy, serving as an educational resource for citizens and lawmakers alike. Imposing additional reporting and disclosure requirements on 501(c)(4) organizations has a chilling effect on well-established free speech and privacy protections.

A non-profit advocacy group engaging on legislative or policy issues should not be treated as a political entity expressly advocating for a candidate's election because they mention an elected official's name alongside their voting record. These groups serve as important watchdogs on legislation, educating the public and representing the interests of citizens who care about a myriad of policy issues. Treating these groups as though they are political campaign committees and subjecting them to additional reporting requirements sets a dangerous precedent.

If the work of a 501(c)(4) organization is considered acceptable and appropriate during most of the year, then that same work should not be redefined just because it occurs at a different time. There are already sufficient laws on the books to address disclosures of political activity, express advocacy, and political action committees (PACs).

Even as amended, every other aforementioned group is still opposed. As are we.

Please vote NO on HB1201.

I urge you to vote NO on HB1201. Americans for Prosperity may include this vote in our legislative scorecard.