



Letters

Limit amount, not source, of donations

To the editor:

I am writing in regards to your Jan. 8 editorial on the campaign "reform" legislation proposed by my opponent for the state legislature, the incumbent. His proposal would limit out-of-district campaign contributions to 50 percent of a candidate's total. This would do nothing to solve the problem of the excessive influence of money in political campaigns.

Rather, it seems designed to pose a special problem for my campaign. The boundary between the 103rd district and the 104th runs right through the middle of my hometown of Urbana. In fact, the boundary runs just two blocks from my house. Why should I have to turn down offers of campaign help from my neighbors, in some cases people who attend the same church I do and whose children went to school with my children, because they happen to live a couple of blocks across the line in the

104th district?

We certainly need campaign reform to limit the influence of money in election campaigns. For example, serious nonpartisan study of campaign reform says it is critical to equalize access to television by opposing candidates. This could be done either by requiring commercial stations to give equal time to opposing candidates as a condition of their broadcasting licenses or by limiting television expenditures to an amount affordable by both candidates.

The prerequisite of any meaningful reform is to create an even playing field. By contrast, my opponent's "reform" proposal is a device designed to tilt the field in his favor.

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Sub Ex did not refuse to comment

To the editor:

In her Daily Illini article of Jan. 17 regarding the Suburban Express policy of posting bad checks, Deborah Mora states, "Suburban Express officials refused to comment on its practice."

This is a false statement. Mora called Suburban Express incessantly on Tuesday, Jan. 16 and was repeatedly told that we would be happy to respond to written questions, but she refused to produce any written questions. Mora's failure to produce written questions hardly constitutes a "refusal to comment" on the part of Suburban Express.

The bad check web page is a list

of people who have written one or more bad checks to Suburban Express and then subsequently failed to make good on the checks and the \$25 returned check service charge in a reasonable amount of time. Bad check writers obtain the services of Suburban Express without paying, and therefore raise the cost of bus rides for everyone else. Suburban Express will not tolerate bad check writers, nor should anyone else.

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ering sink bonds

cide to vote as a party against the bond issue, which is exactly what happened last year. So while the operating budget of the University was approved in the budget last year, the capital projects the University needed did not become reality.

This legislative year could be nothing more than a rerun of the last, when Republicans blamed Democrats for sinking the bond issue, and Democrats blamed Republicans for not warmly inviting them into the political process of negotiating on what should be bonded.

This is ridiculous. Funding for new long-term projects at this University has been tied up for the last year. It's remarkably similar to budget negotiations on the federal level when a