

Dear Chair Carlson & Members of the Committee,

I think we are all concerned now more than ever about democratic principles of balance of power and enforcement of rules that ensure people in charge of protecting the public are not taking advantage of their position for personal gain.

Right now you have an opportunity that may not arise in the near future - to pass a bill that requires a 7-year "cooling off" period for legislators to wait before they join the lobbyists, of which we have so many. This is Senator Marty's SF567.

This is not the time to compromise and do a little toward saving our country. It's the time to do the right thing. People elected to serve the public need to be prevented from making deals with the corporate players that we need protection from.

Thank you for considering this request.

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