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**To:** Chair Remke and Commissioners Audero, Hatch, and Hayward

**From:** Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

**Subject:** Public Comment – Item 42, AB 249

**Date:** September 20, 2017

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As of close of business, Wednesday, September 20, 2017, the Commission received emails from 5,301 individuals, containing identical or substantially similar language. A copy of one of those emails is attached. For copies of all emails, please contact me by email, [commasst@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:commasst@fppc.ca.gov).

## Sasha Linker

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**From:** Lanai Winter  
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:40 AM  
**Sent:** CommAsst  
**To:** Please support AB 249, the California DISCLOSE Act  
**Subject:**

Dear FPPC Comments,

AB 249, if signed by the Governor, will indisputably place California far in the lead of any state in addressing so-called "Dark Money" on political ads. There is unanimous support for AB 249 from every good government organization in the State and nation that has weighed in, ranging from California Clean Money Campaign, to Common Cause, to CALPIRG, to the League of Women Voters of California, and including Bob Stern, the principal coauthor of the Political Reform Act that created the Commission itself.

All of these good government leaders and experts have looked carefully at the concerns raised by FPPC staff and agree without exception that those concerns do not merit opposition to AB 249.

We now stand at a crossroads where this first-in-the-nation landmark reform has passed with astonishing bipartisan support. It has taken seven years to move such legislation through the special interest thicket to the Governor's desk. This is lightning in a bottle; a once in a generation opportunity to enact what will be by a wide margin the best campaign disclosure law in the nation.

No legislation is so perfect that refinement is unwarranted but, by that same reasoning, that legislation may benefit from or require future refinement is not a reason, alone, to oppose it. If that were the benchmark, then no bill of any significance would warrant support.

I therefore join with Bob Stern and virtually every good government organization in the nation in respectfully asking that the Commission not oppose AB 249, but to endorse it instead.

Sincerely,  
Lanai Winter  
Chico, CA