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Progressive Maryland, Allies Rally at State House for Clean Elections Campaign Finance Reform in Md.

Annapolis, MD. Progressive Maryland and allies staged a boisterous rally in front of the State House this evening, demanding that lawmakers enact fundamental campaign finance reform, especially Clean Elections public funding of campaigns.

Lawmakers who spoke included Clean Elections bill sponsors Sen. Paul Pinsky and Del. Jon Cardin, as well as campaign finance experts Sen. Jamie Raskin and Sen. Brian Frosh.

“Even before the Supreme Court’s horrendous *Citizens United* decision last month, the amount of special-interest money in Maryland’s upcoming 2010 election was on track to shatter the 2006 record,” said Sean Dobson, Progressive Maryland’s Executive Director. “No wonder recent polling shows huge majorities of Marylanders believe big campaign contributions have a corrupting influence on lawmakers. The best, proven way to limit undue influence is Clean Elections public funding of campaigns as embodied by SB 681.”

In past years, this bill passed the House of Delegates. Last year, thanks largely to support from Senate President Mike Miller, the bill almost passed that chamber.

“In the election year more than ever, lawmakers need to prove to voters they are not beholden to big campaign contributors,” Dobson continued. “We thank the Senate President for his leadership last year and look forward to his leadership again this year by allowing this bill to come to the Senate floor and voting for it himself.”

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