



December 20, 2019

Seattle City Council
City Hall
600 4th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Council Bill No. 119701, the Clean Campaigns Act

Dear Council Members:

The Center for American Progress (“CAP”) hereby submits the attached report in the clerk file for Council Bill No. 119701, the Clean Campaigns Act. The report, authored by CAP, is entitled *Ending Foreign-Influenced Corporate Spending in U.S. Elections* and was published on November 21, 2019. Attached with the report is a related summary/factsheet.

The report provides strong support for the legislation’s carefully-written provisions related to prohibiting political donations from foreign-owned companies. As the report details, a policy prohibiting this form of election-related spending is well-anchored in law and corporate governance practice – and would help promote a healthy democracy for Seattle.

CAP commends the City Council for considering important reforms to protect its elections from inappropriate foreign influence. If CAP can be of further assistance, please call on us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael L. Sozan

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