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To: Chairman Schwab

House Elections Committee

Room 281N

Subject: Testimony for HB 2112

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony in favor of HB 2112, Campaign Finance, transfer of campaign money to another candidacy.

I am in full support of one's ability to transfer campaign funds for use within another state elected office. As a newly elected Senator previously serving in the House, I was prohibited from utilizing any of my campaign monies to aid in my Senate race.

Common sense would indicate these contributions were made to you as a candidate seeking office no matter what that office might be. With our current statutes one must return the contribution and hope a new one will be made for the office he or she is now seeking. This is extremely cumbersome for both the candidate and the contributor. In some instances it is virtually impossible to return the money if a contributor has moved or passed away.

Allowing the use of already accumulated campaign funds when one seeks a different office greatly simplifies the process. I urge your support of this bill. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Senator Kay Wolf

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