



The People's Interests vs. the Special Interests

Who does Mark Gillen represent – his wealthy donors or the hard-working people of the 128th District?

Since he first ran for State Representative, Gillen has depended heavily on contributions from the Cone brothers of Pennsylvania. In 2010, the Cones dropped \$40,000 into Gillen's bank account to ensure he was elected. They were far and away his biggest donor.

Now, Gillen and the Cone brothers are at it again. Of the \$41,000 Gillen raised through the October filing date, \$25,000 came from one donor: the Cone brothers. So, who do you think Gillen will represent his Harrisburg: his rich benefactors or his constituents?

Doug Metcalfe, who is running to replace Gillen as State Representative from PA House District 128, is running an entirely different type of campaign. He has raised about the same amount as Gillen but has over 300 individual donors – more than 100 of whom gave \$50 or less. Metcalfe has not accepted any donations from corporate PAC's. "My campaign has been a grassroots campaign funded by hundreds of donors making small contributions," Doug said.

Pennsylvania has some of the worst campaign finance regulations in the country. The commonwealth allows UNLIMITED donations from individuals, state parties and PACs to individual candidates. This means wealthy doors – like the Cone brothers – can give as much money as they want.

“I support enhancing our campaign finance regulations to keep our elections free and fair,” said Doug. “I have not accepted any corporate PAC money.”

The Cone Brothers are among Pennsylvania's largest campaign donors whose contributions have distorted politics throughout the country. The Cone family founded the Elverson, PA based Graco company, but sold it to Rubbermaid. Rubbermaid later shuttered the Elverson plant, which once employed 750 people.

Doug’s campaign is all about Putting People Before Politics – and before the special interests and wealthy donors. He is committed to fighting the corruption, cronyism and party politics that run rampant in Harrisburg. Doug will represent ALL Pennsylvanians – not just wealthy donors and special interests

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