

Rather than crack down on money in politics, Freitas regularly brags that dark money special interest groups will spend big to get him elected.

Freitas Called HR 1, Which Rep. Spanberger Voted For, As “A Massive Federal Takeover Of Election Law.” “You see some of the bills passed out of the House and thankfully, you know, didn’t make it through the Senate. You know, a lot of these have pretty sounding names like [...] The, the, again they called it ‘the voting rights act.’ What did it really do? Well it was a massive federal takeover of election law to include using taxpayer funds to actually fund political campaigns. So now the government’s going to tax you, and then they’re going to give a portion of it back but the only way you can use that money is by contributing it to a political campaign. I mean again, does anybody think this is a proper role of the federal government? Abigail Spanberger voted for it.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 40:22, [5/5/20](#)]

HR 1 Was “Aimed At Getting Money Out Of Politics [...] Increasing Transparency Around Donors... And Expanding Voting Rights.” “House Democrats officially passed their massive anti-corruption and pro-democracy reform bill known as HR 1 on Friday. The bill passed on a final vote of 234 to 193. The sweeping bill is aimed at getting money out of politics and increasing transparency around donors, cracking down on lobbying, and expanding voting rights for Americans by implementing provisions like automatic voter registration.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

Club For Growth Promised To Spend Six Figures On Freitas In The GOP Primary And Make “An Even Bigger Investment” In The General Election. “The Club also plans to plan play big in a few of the party’s top pickup opportunities. The group helped recruit state Del. Nick Freitas and plans to spend six-figures to get him through the nominating convention in VA-07 this spring before making an even bigger investment to help him face Democratic Rep. Abigail Spanberger.” [Politico, [1/20/20](#)]

Club For Growth Claimed To Have Raised More Than \$2 Million In Freitas’ Race. “Nick Freitas’ (VA-07) campaign announced very strong quarterly fundraising with \$403,000. Freitas has again outraised and has more cash on hand than the rest of the Republican field. Additionally, Club for Growth Action has raised more than \$2 million to help Freitas defeat Pelosi loyalist Rep. Abigail Spanberger. ‘Nick Freitas is running a strong campaign and well positioned to win the primary and flip the district,’ said Club for Growth Action President David McIntosh. ‘Despite claiming to be independent, Rep. Spanberger has been a rubber stamp for Pelosi and her radical policies, and it’s time for the District to be represented by a principled conservative like Freitas.’ Club for Growth PAC endorsed Freitas in December of 2019, and Trump won the district by more than 6%.” [Club For Growth, Press Release, [7/10/20](#)]

At A July 2020 Event, Freitas Bragged That “Strong Conservative Groups” Had Reserved Television Time For Him In The Fall. “We’ve already had conservative groups, strong conservative groups come in and reserve \$3.5 million in airtime for the fall. So if you look at what we’ve raised and where we’re at, we’re at \$4.5 million, so this idea that we won’t be competitive with Abigail Spanberger on fundraising just isn’t reflected in the actual numbers.” [Larry O’Connor Show, 4:49, [7/20/20](#)]

At An Anti-Impeachment Rally, Freitas Bragged About His Ability To Raise Money Outside Of The Party Structure. “Freitas spoke at a recent anti-impeachment rally outside Spanberger’s Henrico County office but said that was to support Trump, not to signal his interest in a congressional bid. ‘I am entirely focused on my House of Delegates race,’ said Freitas, a defense consultant who served in the Army in Iraq on two combat tours. He promised to raise all of the money he needs for the write-in bid without help from the House Republican Caucus, so he would not be a drain on GOP resources. Richard Uihlein, a GOP megadonor from Illinois, has bankrolled the bulk of his campaign with a \$500,000

donation, some of which Freitas has shared with other legislative candidates.” [Washington Post, 10/23/19]