

*Nearly half the money raised to help Freitas in his losing senate race was from dark money political groups, and Freitas opposes transparency legislation to force dark money groups to disclose their donors.*

**More Than 44 Percent Of The Money Spent To Help Freitas In His Senate Race Came From Dark Money Groups.** [FEC, accessed [7/28/20](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Spent Over \$130,000 On Freitas' Behalf During The 2018 U.S. Senate Primary.** In June 2018, Americans for Prosperity spent \$130,469.78 on phone banking, digital ads, canvassing, and payroll on behalf of Freitas during the U.S. Senate primary. [FEC, [6/5/18](#)]

**AFP Was A Dark Money Group.** In April 2018, Maplight reported: “The \$48.7 million gift to Americans for Prosperity (AFP), the nonprofit ‘dark money’ organization launched by billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch, was the largest of 122 contributions reported during the election year.” [Maplight, [4/12/18](#)]

**NRA Institute For Legislative Action Spent Over \$66,000 On Freitas' Behalf During The 2018 U.S. Senate Primary.** In June 2018, the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action spent \$66,294.79 on direct mail on Freitas' behalf during the U.S. Senate primary. [FEC, [6/6/18](#)]

**NRA-ILA Was The NRA's Dark Money Affiliate, Which Spent More Money On Elections Than Any Other Dark Money Group In 2016.** In May 2018, Alex Tausanovitch wrote for NBC News: “In the 2016 election cycle, the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action — its dark money affiliate — reported spending over \$35 million on election-related activities (more than any other dark money group) without the reporting the source of its funds.” [NBC News, op-ed, [5/4/18](#)]

**NRA “Spent More Than \$35 Million On Political Ads From Unnamed Donors”—Some Of Which Potentially Came From Russia.** In July 2018, the Center for American Progress reported: “During the 2016 election, Butina bragged that she had been a part of the Trump campaign's communications with Russia, according to the indictment. In that same time, the NRA spent more than \$35 million on political ads from unnamed donors – raising concerns in the FBI that Russia could be behind it.” [Center for American Progress, [7/24/18](#)]

**The NRA Has “Aggressively Pushed For Donor Secrecy, Fighting Against Any Rules That Require Additional Disclosure Of The Sources Of Campaign Funds.”** In May 2018, Alex Tausanovitch wrote for NBC News reported: “For years, the NRA aggressively pushed for donor secrecy, fighting against any rules that require additional disclosure of the sources of campaign funds. That disclosure that was intended, in the words of the Supreme Court, to allow ‘the electorate to make informed decisions and give proper weight to different speakers and messages.’” [NBC News, op-ed, [5/4/18](#)]

**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](#)]