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running for Governor or if you're running for any other office, and you knew that you couldn't raise the money, or if you knew you had the ability to, but your opponent was going to outraise you, you would abide. And the reason you would abide is when you got to those levels, the public funds, which are not tax dollars--those are fines--that money would go to you, and it would make your life easier, because then you wouldn't have to work to raise the money. You wouldn't have to work in order to get the opportunity to get your message out. It would just be given to you, and it's because you had an opponent that was willing to work. That rubs me the wrong way. When I campaigned I spent about \$14,000 before the election, and I was going to eat about \$6,000 in mileage, because I figured if I didn't win, there ain't no way anybody is going to give me any money to be able to cover those costs. So around \$20,000 for a job that paid \$48,000 for that time frame.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: That was excessive to me, okay? I don't know how people are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for some of these other races. That doesn't make sense to me. But the fact remains, at the end of the day people want to know two things: They want to know who is supporting you, and they want to know what you're going to do, and in that order for some, and another order for others. You could give as much money as you wanted to, under our law, to any candidate. If I wanted to give money to a congressional candidate, I would be limited. But people want to know who's giving you money, but they want to know what you're going to do. And in those situations, as Senator Schimek pointed out, they want to know if the people that gave you money are going to cause you to do things for that money. This law doesn't address that. This is not about that. But it is about fairness. I don't think the law is fair now, and I think we should move back to an approach that makes more sense, as opposed to trying to fix this and try to tinker with it, and try to say, well, this is the best that we've got. If this is the best that we've got, we're going to continue to get what we're getting, and that is individuals that are clever...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Erdman.