



For the People Act (H.R. 1)

with Special Guest Congressman John Sarbanes (MD-03)

APRIL 21, 2021

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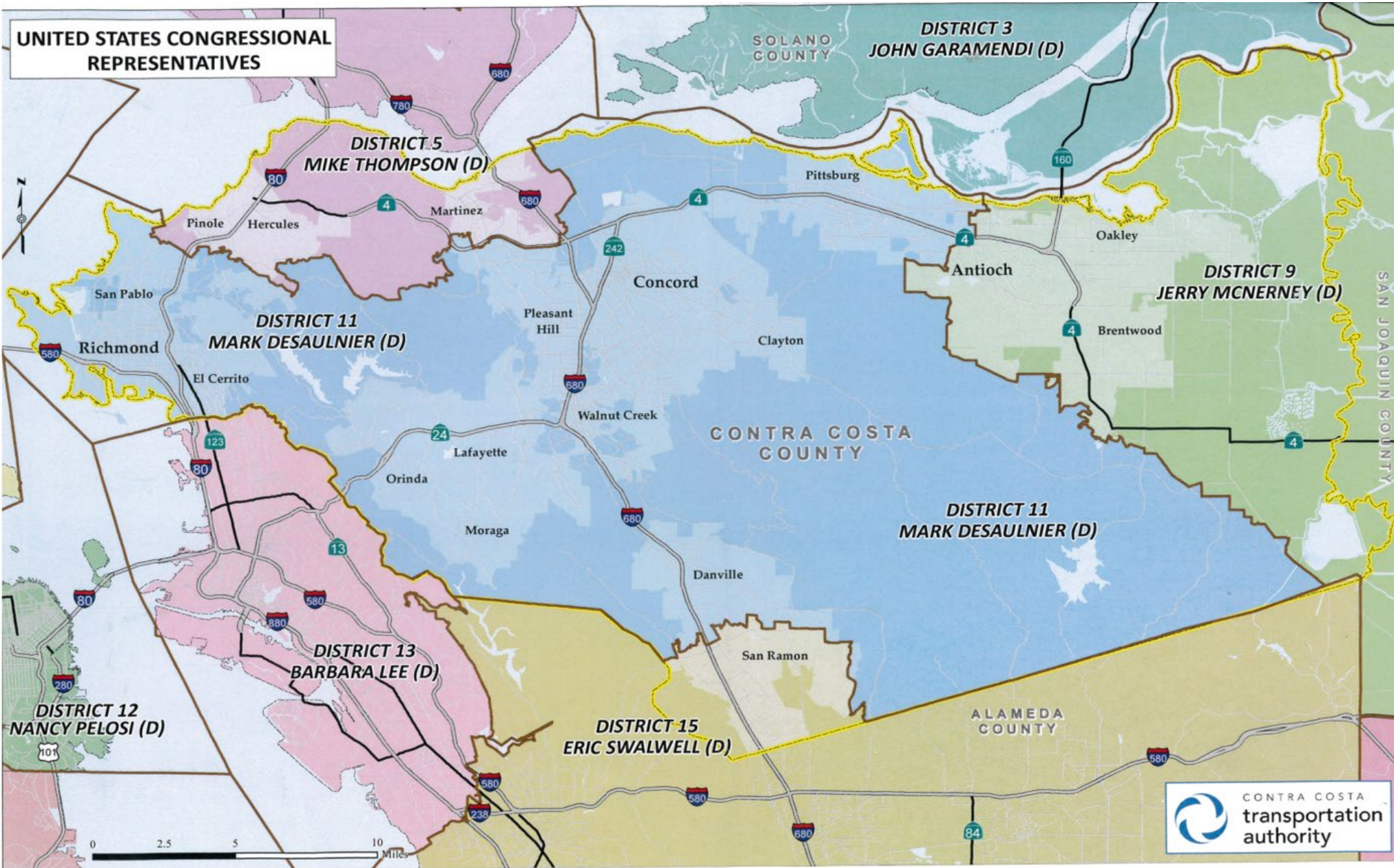
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Why Do We Need Reform?

- ▶ As of 2021, **36 states have enacted some form of voter ID requirement.**
- ▶ The 2020 election was the highest spending election ever recorded, **topping out at \$10.9 billion.**
- ▶ Larry Bartels, a Princeton political scientist, found that the voting behavior of U.S. Senators was **significantly more responsive to wealthy** than middle income constituents.
- ▶ During the drafting of the Republican tax bill that resulted in tax breaks for the ultra wealthy and large corporations, over 6,000 of D.C.'s 11,000 registered lobbyists worked on tax reform.
 - ▶ This equates to 13 lobbyists for every Member of Congress.

How Will H.R. 1 Help?

- ▶ Improve access to ballot box
- ▶ Promote integrity and security in our elections
- ▶ Guarantee disclosure of “dark money” contributions
- ▶ Empower citizens to have a say in their democracy
- ▶ Strengthen oversight of the campaign finance system
- ▶ Fortify ethics law

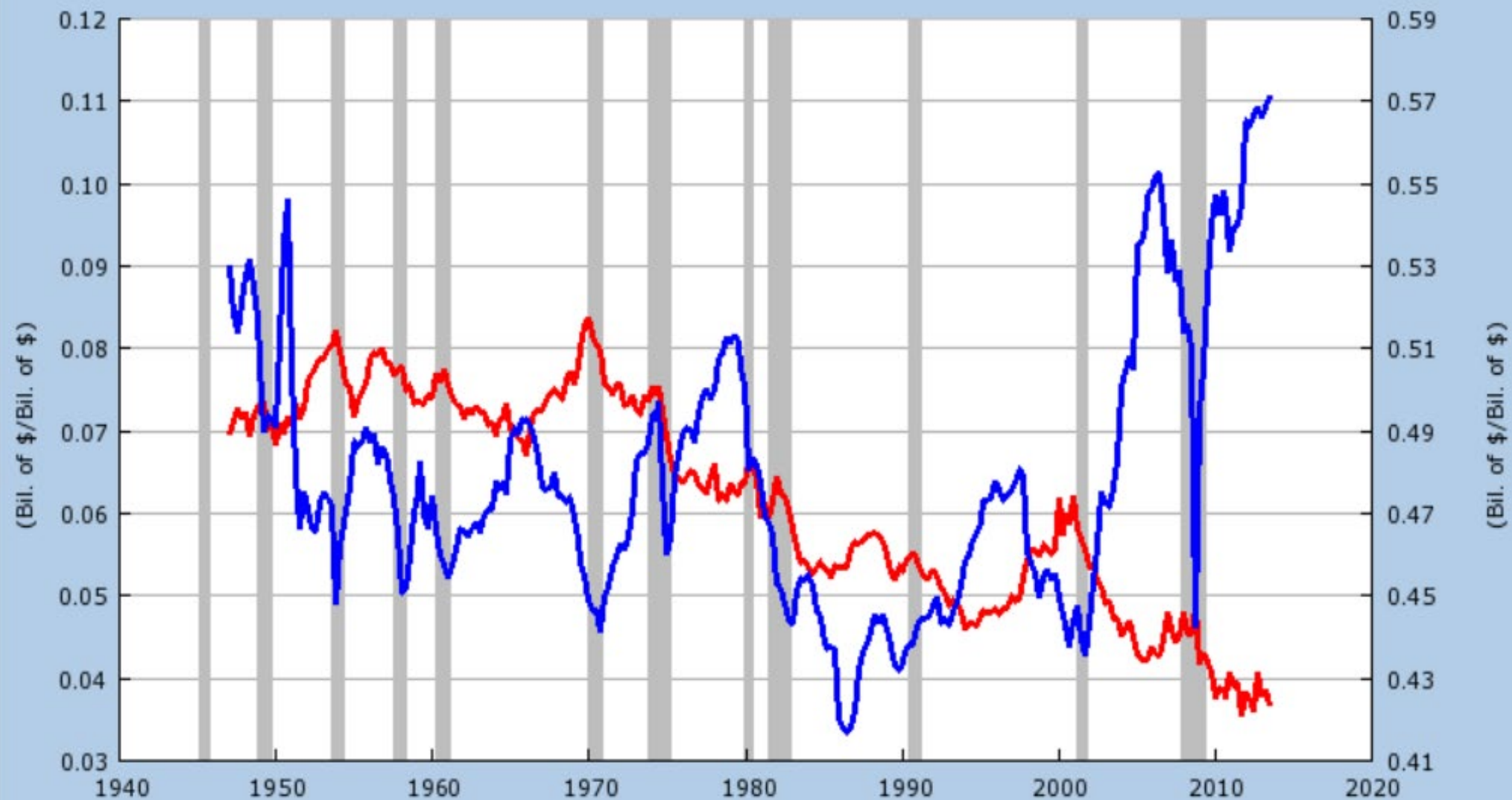
H.R. 1: FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

Restoring Democracy and Tackling Corruption

- Makes it easier for Americans to exercise their right to vote.
- Reforms our campaign finance system and gets dark money out of politics.
- Puts in place national redistricting reform.
- Demands accountability and guarantees public officials put the American people first.

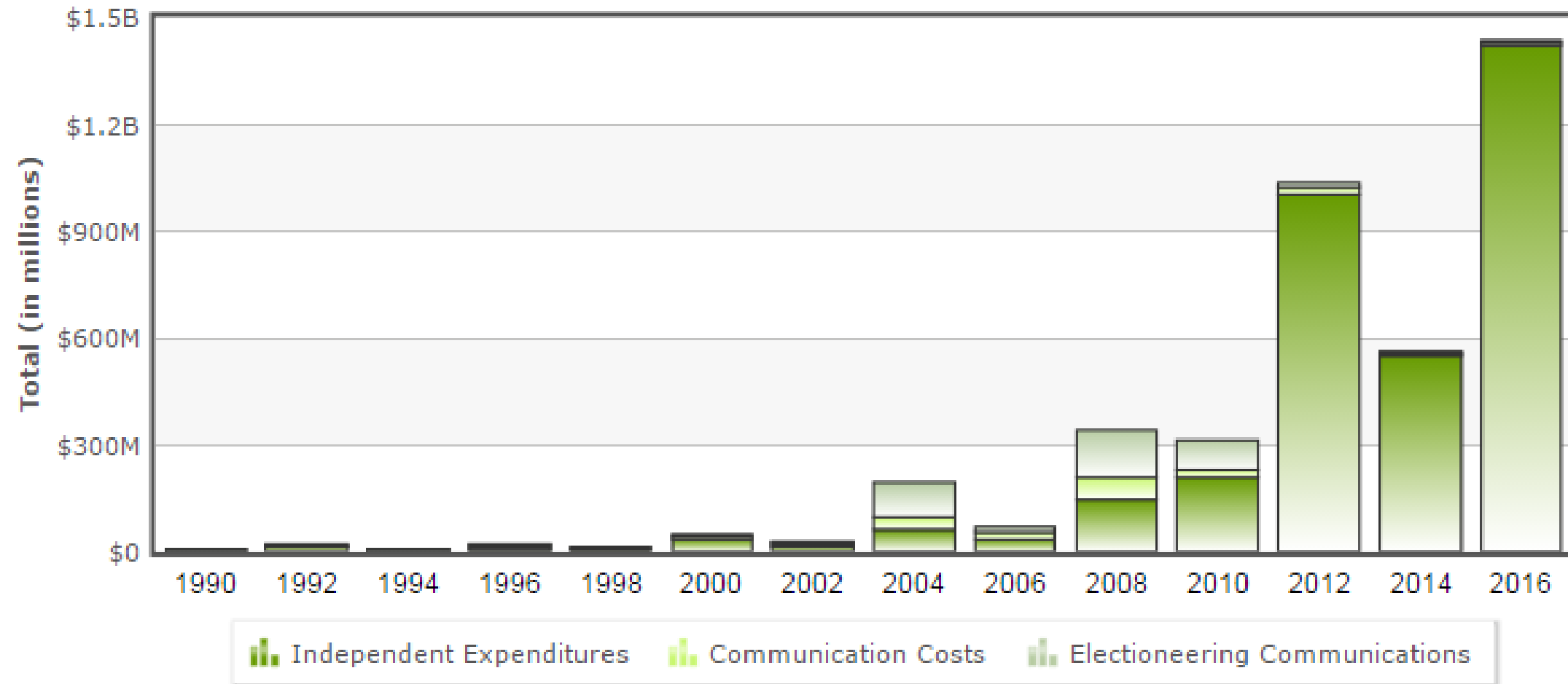


CP/GDP
WASCUR/GDP



Shaded areas indicate US recessions.
2014 research.stlouisfed.org

Outside Spending by Cycle, Excluding Party Committees



Special Guest

Congressman John Sarbanes (MD-03)



Congressman John Sarbanes came to Congress in 2007. He currently serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Oversight and Reform Committee. Since 2017, he has chaired the Democracy Reform Task Force, a bold effort in the House of Representatives to build a government that puts the public's interests ahead of special interests.