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Welcome to the sixth volume of our Association's Political Action Newsletter. Each month a small portion of your local dues and of your CTA state dues are allocated to political action. These funds are used for lobbying local and state representatives regarding issues concerning children, public education, and its employees. These many issues include wages, benefits, working conditions, how public education funds are directed, the rights and responsibilities of educators, retirement issues, and the needs of children. Funds are also used to support both local and state candidates known to support efforts to protect and improve public education, as well as local and state ballot initiatives that would impact public education, its employees, and those they serve. If you choose not to have this portion of your dues go to support these activities, all you need to do is contact the SBTA office at 909-881-6755. They will provide you with the necessary forms. This request needs to be made by October 31, 2014.

SB 52, a measure recently introduced into the California legislature, could hurt the ability of public employee unions to engage in future elections in support of measures such as Proposition 30, to prevent drastic cuts to education and vital state services, or to defeat Proposition 32, that would have silenced our voices in the electoral process.

SB 52 would repeal existing laws requiring the disclosure of the top two funding sources of \$50,000 or more on advertisements supporting and opposing ballot measures. And while we always support transparency and full disclosures and disclaimers in campaigns, SB 52 lacks clarity in its definition by requiring the disclosure of "identifiable contributors" on ballot measure political advertising and leaves it up to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations that do not exist. Please visit the Legislative Action Center at cta.org to identify your Assembly Member and then call or write your legislator in opposition to SB 52.