

# SEARCH WARRANT

Re: Bill C-24 Reforming Political Fundraising Rules

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**Issued by:**                      **Citizens of Canada**  
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## **In search of :**

1. Secret bank accounts of MPs and Senators, and the names of the donors to their accounts, amounts donated, and date of donations.
2. Donors to Paul Martin's secret leadership campaign bank account -- the names of the donors, amounts donated, and date of donations since November 1993.
3. Changes to strengthen Bill C-24 -- banning all secret bank accounts for politicians, banning donations by corporations and unions and other organizations that don't vote, and lowering the proposed limit on individual donations from \$10,000 to a maximum of \$1,000.
4. MPs and Senators with integrity who will propose and vote for the above changes to Bill C-24.

## **Reasons for search warrant:**

- Citizens of Canada have a right to know the amount, source and date of all donations to MPs and Senators.
- Citizens of Canada (including members of the Liberal Party) have a right to know now who donated how much to Paul Martin and when each donation was made when Martin was Finance Minister.
- Secret bank accounts for politicians are a recipe for corruption.
- Corporations and unions and other organizations don't vote, and in a democracy only voters should be funding the political system.
- Allowing individuals to donate \$10,000 will allow wealthy individuals to have an undemocratic greater say in politics than other Canadians.
- Citizens of Canada need MPs and Senators to show that they can act in the public interest (as opposed to their own self-interest) by making the democratizing changes to Bill C-24.

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