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GILLIAM PLEDGES SUPPORT TO CAMPAIGN REFORM

In a radio address over Station WJMA of Orange, Virginia, 7th District Democratic candidate for Congress, George Gilliam pledged his support for campaign finance reform. Specifically, Gilliam announced his support for a bill now pending in Congress that would eliminate the need for big contributions by providing matching public funds for small individual contributions of \$1 to \$10. He explained: "I know many people who feel that they are really a part of our free political system when they make their own small contribution of \$5 or \$10 to the candidate of their choice. I think that the approach of supplementing small private contributions with matching public funds...may be a preferable alternative."

Gilliam criticized his Republican opponent for "offering no suggestions for stopping the abuses which have put our government literally up for sale." Gilliam suggested that the incumbent Congressman is opposed to any public financing plan because of his ability to obtain large donations from special interest groups. One special interest group alone contributed \$8,000 to the Republican incumbent's 1972 campaign for re-election, Gilliam said.

"On the agenda of national business, " stated Gilliam, "there can be no more urgent question than guaranteeing the honesty and integrity of our processes of government." Gilliam pledged: "As a member of Congress I would find ways to clean up the political process in this country, and reform of the way money is raised for political campaigns would be at the top of my list."