

Moving Your Money for

POLITICAL PARTIES

Elected officials have a duty to represent their constituents, not Wall Street. Hold them accountable.

-- **Top politicians have already signed on board.** Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-III) moved her money to a local bank in her district, and Sen. Ted Kaufmann (D-Del), Reps. Bob Inglis (R-SC) and Dan Born (D-Okla) think it's a good idea. The Democratic political group Democracy for America has reached out to its members to ask them to move their money, and they pledged to move more than \$475 Million from the big banks.

-- The big banks have continued to pay millions of dollars to influence the government -- even after receiving massive federal bailouts. The six biggest banks spent more than \$23 million on lobbyists last year, and the finance sector spent more on lobbying than any other industry over the last 12 years.

-- Regardless of your opinions about the financial reform bill, we can all agree that the big banks are too powerful. Let's enact reform from the ground up by investing in sensible and conservative financial institutions.

This movement is beyond left and right. It's one thing that people on every side of the aisle can get behind, and shows that we can rise above partisanship.

-- Where do your local party chapters keep their operating funds? Odds are it's in one of the major banks that helped to bankrupt the country. Move that money to local banks and credit unions.

"I am happy to report that I have taken the first very important steps in ending the abusive relationship I am in. That's right. I am breaking up - with my 'too big to fail' bank."

Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-III)

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-- Ask members of your party to move their money. Not only will they help out their own community and get a better deal, but they will also help influence their legislators.

-- Appeal to your elected representatives. Where do they keep their personal accounts? How about their PAC and campaign funds? Find contact information at www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml

