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## How Lawmakers Profit

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Many South Carolinians associate threats to First Amendment rights with Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court. But in recent years, state lawmakers have tried again and again to pass measures that run directly against your First Amendment rights. These bills attempt to silence lawmakers' critics, threaten citizen-activists with jail time, force those activists to register as lobbyists, and crack down on peaceful protests.

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