

END CITIZENS UNITED PAC

DEMOCRATS FIGHTING FOR REFORM



**2015 CAMPAIGN FINANCE
REFORM CANDIDATE
QUESTIONNAIRE**

12 Things Voters Deserve To Know

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ABOUT END CITIZENS UNITED PAC

Established March 1st, 2015, End Citizens United is a Political Action Committee funded by grassroots donors. We are dedicated to countering the disastrous effects of *Citizens United* and reforming our campaign finance system. **Already, more than 1,000,000 supporters have joined our movement to fight the unprecedented rise of money polluting our democracy.**

Learn more about End Citizens United PAC at www.endcitizensunited.org.

ABOUT THIS SURVEY

Since the *Citizens United* decision became law, American elections have been inundated by spending, particularly from unregulated "dark" money. End Citizens United, a grassroots effort to reform our campaign finance system, will use this questionnaire and past actions on campaign finance issues to guide our process for selecting candidates to endorse.

There are many avenues to campaign finance reform. We encourage you to use the space provided to explain your answers or ask questions if you so choose. We are, however, unequivocal in our opposition to the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision and the opportunities for corruption that it created. We will not stand with any candidate who supports the decision as written.

Kindly return your completed questionnaire by sending an electronic copy to Jessica Adair at jessica@endcitizensunited.org, or a hard copy to End Citizens United PAC, PO Box 66005, Washington, DC, 20035. Your answers to this questionnaire as well as any endorsements made by End Citizens United PAC will be released to the public.

STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Suzanne Bonamici a candidate for office of U.S. Representative
in OR-1 certify that the answers in this questionnaire
represent my own views.



SIGNATURE

2/17/2016

DATE

STAFF NAME, PHONE, EMAIL:

UNDO CITIZENS UNITED

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Do you oppose the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United*?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

Citizens United undermines our nation's democratic process by allowing unlimited corporate money to influence elections without checks or tracking. I was deeply disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision and I support states undertaking the amendment ratification process to undo it.

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Would you support a Constitutional Amendment that undoes *Citizens United* and grants Congress and the states the power to regulate campaign finance?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

I am a cosponsor of H J Res 22, the Democracy for All Amendment, to reverse the Citizens United decision and allow Congress to enact responsible reforms to our campaign finance system.

Please indicate if you've co-sponsored or support any of the following campaign finance reform bills:

- GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE ACT
- DISCLOSE ACT
- KEEPING OUR CAMPAIGNS HONEST (K.O.C.H) ACT
- FAIR ELECTIONS NOW ACT
- DEMOCRACY FOR ALL AMENDMENT

LIST ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION HERE:

I am an original co-sponsor on all three pieces of legislation checked above

REQUIRE FULL DISCLOSURE

Do you support legislation requiring dark money entities, such as 501(c)(4) groups to disclose their donors and spending when they engage in any political activity that mentions a candidate for federal office and/or is intended to influence a federal election?

- YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

I am a cosponsor of the DISCLOSE Act.

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Would you support legislation requiring dark money groups to publicly disclose their top ten donors if they spend money on voter contact?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

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As of July 1st, 2014 the FCC has required that TV stations post their public file (which details political spending) online. Currently this database isn't searchable and doesn't extend to cable providers. Will you support legislation requiring a searchable database and extending coverage to include cable TV spending?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

STOP COORDINATION

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Currently a campaign staffer can quit the campaign and work for a SuperPAC supporting the candidate that employed the staffer after just a 120 day cooling off period. Would you support a cycle long cooling off period, preventing that staffer from working for a SuperPAC or 501(C)4 supporting his or her former employer until the next campaign cycle?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

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Currently the FEC holds that coordination only flows one way. This means that while a campaign is forbidden from sharing its plans, methods, and strategies with a SuperPAC, the SuperPAC can share its plans, methods, and strategies with the campaign. Do you support legislation to end this loophole?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

REDUCE PAY TO PLAY

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29 states currently ban lobbyists from donating during legislative sessions.¹ Do you support legislation to extend this ban to Congress?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

Although I generally support reducing the influence of money in politics, state legislative sessions and congressional sessions do not operate on the same timetable so I would need to review and consider the specifics of any proposal before providing a definitive answer to this question.

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A 2012 study found that "the more companies give in campaign contributions, the more they get in contracts, on average."² In fact, the study found that \$200,000 in donations leads to an average addition of 107 government contracts. Would you support legislation that prohibits the executives, lobbyist, and company PAC from donating to federal candidates if the company has or is seeking federal contracts?

YES NO

OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

In October 2015, I signed a letter led by Congressman Israel and Congresswoman Eshoo urging the President to issue an executive order requiring federal contractors to disclose their political spending.

ADDITIONAL REFORMS

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Please share any additional ways you support meaningful campaign finance reform.

EXPLANATION:

I will continue to work with my colleagues to advance legislation that undoes the harmful consequences of Citizens United. Dark money is influencing our elections at an unprecedented level, and I pledge to work with my colleagues to ensure our elections are fair and transparent. I am also proud to be a new member of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Caucus and look forward to working with members on both sides of the aisle on this important issue.

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1. "Limits on Campaign Contributions During the Legislative Session," NCSL, 12/6/2011
 2. "Campaign contributions help companies get more federal contracts, study finds," Drutman, Sunlight Foundation, 6/21/2012