

**END CITIZENS UNITED PAC**

DEMOCRATS FIGHTING FOR REFORM



# 2015 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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*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 500,000 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](http://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 June 23rd by sending an electronic copy to Jessica Adair at [jessica@endcitizensunited.org](mailto:jessica@endcitizensunited.org). 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, Katie McGinty a candidate for office of U.S. Senate  
in Pennsylvania certify that the answers in this questionnaire  
represent my own views.



SIGNATURE

4/26/16

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 is a threat to our Democracy. In the Senate, I'll fight to overturn that decision and to keep dark, undisclosed money out of politics.

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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:

Overturning Citizens United is an absolute imperative. I support a Constitutional Amendment that would undo Citizens United while allowing Congress and the states to require greater transparency and disclosure in our elections.

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 a strong supporter of the goals of the reform bills listed above, especially those of increasing transparency, disclosure, and oversight of the campaign finance system. In the Senate, I will be a vocal advocate for and supporter of legislation that takes dark money out of politics and protects the integrity of our election system.

## 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:**

Undisclosed money should play no role in our elections. I am a strong supporter of legislation that would require complete disclosure of donors.

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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:**

I would support legislation requiring disclosure of donors from dark money groups attempting to influence our elections.

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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.<sup>1</sup> Do you support legislation to extend this ban to Congress?

YES  NO

### OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

Elected officials should represent their constituents, not special interests. I am open to all proposals that limit the power of special interests in politics and elections.

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A 2012 study found that “the more companies give in campaign contributions, the more they get in contracts, on average.”<sup>2</sup> 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:

So-called “pay to play” arrangements should have no place in our Democracy. I support reforms that limit the power of corporate executives and special interests in our politics and am open to all legislation that would increase transparency in our campaign finance system.

## ADDITIONAL REFORMS

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

### EXPLANATION:

Throughout my primary campaign, I have been a vocal advocate of overturning Citizens United and taking dark money out of politics. Billionaire executives and corporate special interests spending unlimited, undisclosed sums to influence politicians and our elections is a threat to the American Democracy.

In the Senate, I'll fight to overturn Citizens United and to reform our campaign finance system to reduce the power of special interests in our elections.

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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