ABOUT END CITIZENS UNITED PAC

End Citizens United PAC (ECU) is dedicated to ending the tidal wave of unlimited and undisclosed money that has reshaped our politics and damaged our democracy.

ECU is a community of more than 3 million Americans dedicated to reforming our nation's broken campaign finance system and ending *Citizens United*. Our supporters are active and engaged in the political process as a progressive grassroots community dedicated to electing campaign finance reform champions.

Our strength comes from the power of many individuals standing together to call for change. We're proud to be supported by more than 300,000 donors across America who helped create a groundbreaking model that proved there's a way for the grassroots to compete with corporate special interests and billionaires.

ABOUT THIS SURVEY

ECU will use this questionnaire and past votes, statements and actions on campaign finance issues to guide our process for selecting candidates to endorse.

ECU takes a full and comprehensive approach to rectifying the severe consequences the *Citizens United* decision has had on our elections. There are many avenues to fixing our broken campaign finance system: Enacting a constitutional amendment to overturn the *Citizens United* decision, confirming federal judges and Supreme Court Justices who believe political donations do not equate to political free speech, and supporting legislation that will bring full disclosure of and limits to the money flowing into our elections.

Kindly return your completed questionnaire by sending an electronic copy to Jordan Wood at *Jordan@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, Thomas R. Suozzi a candidate for office of Congress in NY-03 certify that the answers in this questionnaire represent my own views.

Thomas R. Suozzi

SIGNATURE

5/9/17

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CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support or oppose the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision, which allowed corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money on elections?

☐ SUPPORT ☑ OPPOSE

2. Do you support the Democracy for All Amendment (H.J. Res. 31), introduced by Rep. Ted Deutch (FL-22), Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-02), and Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD-08)?

The Democracy for All Amendment is a Constitutional Amendment that would overturn Supreme Court decisions including Citizens United, Buckley v. Valeo, and McCutcheon v. FEC.

☑ YES ☐ NO

3. Do you support the DISCLOSE Act (H.R. 1134)?

The DISCLOSE Act, introduced by Rep. David Cicilline (RI-01), would require "dark money" groups, such as 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations and 501 (c)(6) organizations, 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

4. Do you support the KOCH Act (H.R.1439)?

The Keeping Our Campaigns Honest (KOCH) Act, introduced by Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (NM-03), Rep. Peter Welch (VT-AL) and Rep. John Yarmuth (KY-03), would require the FCC to demand that outside political groups (dark money organizations) disclose the names of their major donors funding political ads.

☑ YES ☐ NO

5. **Do you support the Government By The People Act (H.R. 20)?**

   The Government By The People Act, introduced by Rep. John Sarbanes (MD-03), would grant voters a voucher worth up to $50 (through a tax credit) for campaign contributions, and it would provide a six-to-one federal match. This would incentivize candidates to seek widespread small-dollar funding for their campaigns.

   ☑ YES ☐ NO

6. **Do you support the Election Protection & Integrity Certification Act (EPIC Act) (H.R. 5515 in the 114th Congress)?**

   The EPIC Act, introduced by Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) and Rep. Richard Hanna (NY-22), would establish new disclosure requirements for 501(c) organizations to safeguard against the influence of foreign money in American elections.

   ☑ YES ☐ NO

7. **Do you oppose the repeal of the Johnson Amendment?**
   The Johnson Amendment restricts 501 (c)(3) tax-deductible organizations, including churches, from engaging in political activity.

   ☑ YES ☐ NO

8. **Do you support legislation requiring that publicly traded companies disclose all political spending to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?**

   This would increase transparency and hold companies more accountable to their shareholders.

   ☑ YES ☐ NO

9. Under current law, government contractors are restricted from making direct political contributions but are permitted to pass political spending through non-profits, such as 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) groups. Do you support legislation to close this loophole?

☑ YES ☐ NO

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

Campaign finance reform is a major issue that needs to be addressed. The influx of money has many people concerned and it is something that is being talked about on a regular basis.

Reforming campaign finance will help ensure that elected officials are responsive to the needs of their constituents and not to the special interests. The vast sums of money in politics today causes elected officials to spend an incredible amount of time raising money, which prevents them from actually talking to one another about real issues that need to be solved and one of the main reason why things don't get done.

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