

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, Elie L. Engel a candidate for office of U.S. House of Representatives
in New York's 16th CD certify that the answers in this questionnaire represent
my own views.

Elie L. Engel

SIGNATURE

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End Citizens United 2018 House 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**

I strongly oppose The Supreme Court's decision in the *Citizens United* case. That's why I introduced a comprehensive Constitutional amendment, H.Res. 28, to address disenfranchisement and voter turnout that would grant Congress the authority to regulate "undue" campaign influence, effectively overturning *Buckley v. Valeo* and *Citizens United*.

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

I am an original cosponsor of the Democracy for All Amendment.

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

I am an original cosponsor of the DISCLOSE Act.

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

I support full disclosure of campaign expenditures, including requirements that outside political groups disclose the names of their major donors funding political ads.

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

I am an original cosponsor of the Government By The People Act.

6. Do you support the Get Foreign Money out of US Elections Act (H.R. 1615)?

The Get Foreign Money out of US Elections Act, introduced by Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD-08), would expand the current ban on campaign contributions and independent expenditures by foreign nationals to include foreign-owned and controlled domestic corporations.

YES NO

As Ranking Member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I understand how crucial it is to protect our democracy from states and foreign actors that want to undermine it. That's why I introduced the SECURE Our Democracy Act to work with the State Department to track and freeze the assets of anyone who tries to influence our elections.

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

I strongly oppose repealing the Johnson Amendment. Tax-exempt organizations should not be allowed to become political tools for donors to hide their money.

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

I support full disclosure of campaign expenditures, including requirements that publicly traded companies disclose all political spending the SEC.

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

I support closing loopholes that allow government contracts to pass political spending through 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) non-profit groups.

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

I have introduced a comprehensive Constitutional amendment, H.J.Res 28 that takes a six-part approach to address the problems of disenfranchisement and low voter participation in American elections. My amendment would (1) repeal the Electoral College; (2) constitutionalize the Voting Rights Act and enshrine the individual citizen's right to vote in the Constitution; (3) give Congress the express power to regulate campaign expenditures and activities from private parties while outlawing foreign interference; (4) outlaw political gerrymandering; (5) enact automatic universal registration for all American citizens over 18 years of age; and (6) establish Election Day as a national holiday and protect working people from retaliation for taking time off to vote.