

END CITIZENS UNITED

2018 House Questionnaire

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, Susan Wild a candidate for office of Representative
in PA-15 certify that the answers in this questionnaire represent
my own views.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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 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**

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.

When dark money infects a political system, the consequences for democracy are devastating. Civil society is eroded, and powerful corporations go unchecked while citizens who actually make up the democracy are left behind.

Consider, for example, that over the past decade Big Pharma invested \$2.5 billion in lobbying and campaign contributions, deploying two lobbyists for every member of Congress. Sadly, but not surprisingly, it worked — their corporate invasion successfully neutered any legislation addressing America’s skyrocketing drug prices or surging opioid epidemic. Other efforts are even more blatant, such as the Koch Brothers contributing nearly \$500,000 to Paul Ryan’s joint fundraising committee immediately following the passage of the Republican tax cuts — perhaps just a coincidence, but more likely a hearty thank you for further enriching the billionaire donor class.

These are just a couple examples that illustrate an out-of-control campaign finance system that perverts our democratic process. It also damages the credibility of our elected officials who, rather than advocating for their constituents, are doing the bidding of the super-rich and corporate investors.

To address the real needs of the electorate we need transparent and substantive campaign finance reform. In my campaign for Congress, I will not accept any money from corporate PACs or Super PACs. Instead, I will make campaign finance reform a central tenet of my platform; and if elected, I will co-sign any legislation that removes the nefarious grip dark money has on our electoral and legislative process. The days of legalized corruption and quid-pro-quo campaign financing must end — and once they do, we can finally restore trust in both our elected officials and the very democracy we depend on.