END CITIZENS UNITED PAC

DEMOCRATS FIGHTING FOR REFORM

2016 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, <u>Denise Juneau</u> a candidate for office of <u>U.S. Congress</u> in <u>Montana - At Large District</u> certify that the answers in this questionnaire

represent my own views.

SIGNATURF

April 27, 2016

DATE

STAFF NAME, PHONE, EMAIL:

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



OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

I believe the amounts of money spent in political campaigns – and the undue influence it gives corporations and the wealthy – is a genuine threat to our democracy. I oppose both Citizens United and McCutcheon in the strongest possible terms.

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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?



OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

I support a constitutional amendment that annuls Citizens United and grants Congress and the states the power to regulate campaign finance. I am proud that Montana has some of the strongest contribution limits and campaign finance disclosure laws in the U.S.

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:

REQUIRE FULL DISCLOSURE

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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?



OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

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



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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:

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?



OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

The corrupting influence of the revolving door between congressional staffers morphing into corporate lobbyists has now migrated to electoral politics by allowing staff to move from campaign to Super PAC/"Public Welfare" PAC in three short months. Having them sit out the entire election cycle, and reducing the potential for collaboration between campaigns and PACs, far outweighs any inconvenience to professional political operatives. It is an entirely reasonable, if modest, first step.

My opponent, Congressman Ryan Zinke, not only created his own SuperPAC, he hired friends and family to work for it and hired the person who ran his SuperPAC to run his congressional office. Zinke has voted to maintain this system. I will highlight this issue during my campaign and work in Congress to change it.

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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?



OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

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



OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

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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?



OPTIONAL EXPLANATION:

This is another common sense measure to reduce conflicts of interests between the lobbyists and candidates for federal office.

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

EXPLANATION:

To quote the political journalist Michael Kinsley, "The scandal in Washington is not what's illegal, but what is legal." Clearly, the pernicious effect of out-of-control, special interest campaign spending is placing our democratic system of government at risk. I do not claim to have all the answers to this very complex issue, but as Montana's next member of Congress, I pledge to work with like-minded members and your organization to come up with solutions.

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^{1. &}quot;Limits on Campaign Contributions During the Legislative Session," NCSL, 12/6/2011

^{2. &}quot;Campaign contributions help companies get more federal contracts, study finds," Drutman, Sunlight Foundation, 6/21/2012