

# 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](mailto: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, John Sarbanes a candidate for office of House of Representatives  
in Maryland's 3rd District certify that the answers in this questionnaire represent  
my own views.



SIGNATURE

March 3, 2017

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 (MA-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. 430 in the 114th Congress)?

*The DISCLOSE Act, introduced in the 114th Congress by Rep. Chris Van Hollen (MD-08), would require that "dark money" groups, such as 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations and 501 (c)(6) chambers of commerce, 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. 2125 in the 114th Congress)?

*The KOCH Act, introduced by 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 at the end of political TV ads.*

YES       NO

**5. Do you support the Government By The People Act (H.R. 20 in the 115th Congress)?**

*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 Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (H.R. 2931 in the 114th Congress)?**

*The Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act, introduced by Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) and Rep. Jim Renacci (OH-16), would reform the Federal Elections Committee (FEC) to remove partisan blocks to its ability to function, and would help make it more efficient in addressing campaign finance violations and other developments.*

**YES**       **NO**

**7. 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**

**8. 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**

**9. 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

**10. 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

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

When Congress debates the critical issues, too often it's the Big Money crowd that calls the shots. We need a return to government of, by and for the people -- not government bought and paid for by the PACs and Super PACs. It's time to reform our democracy and restore the voices of everyday Americans. I was proud to lead the fight in Congress to develop the By the People legislative package which supports building a small donor matching system, overturning Citizens United, increasing the amount of disclosure we have for political donors, and making it easier for people to vote. As the chair of the Democracy Reform Task Force, I am wholeheartedly committed to investigating the shortcomings of our current campaign finance system and promoting substantive reform in Washington.