TOP 10 WAYS *CITIZENS UNITED* HAS HURT OUR DEMOCRACY

“The Supreme Court reversed a century of law that I believe will open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations — to spend without limit in our elections. I don’t think American elections should be bankrolled by America’s most powerful interests, or worse, by foreign entities.”

- President Barack Obama, 2010 State of the Union

1) Since the 2010 *Citizens United* decision, there has been $4.4 billion of outside spending in federal elections.

2) Of the $4.4 billion, nearly $1 billion in untraceable “dark money” has been spent in federal elections since the decision.

3) 86% of all outside spending in federal elections since 1990 has come since the 2010 decision.

4) Super PACs have spent almost double what it cost to make all the Star Wars movies combined in federal elections.

5) 11 megadonors gave $1 billion to super PACs in races 2010-2018. That’s more than 1/5th of the total $4.5 billion collected by Super PACs.

6) Wall Street is the top industry contributor since *Citizens United*, giving over $1.3 billion, $300 million more than any other industry.

7) Pharma corporate PACs have spent over $141 million in federal elections, including $30 million in the 2018 cycle.

8) In 2016 the NRA spent $35 million in dark money. Since the decision, the NRA has spent nearly 14x more in dark money than before.

9) 10 of the 17 biggest corporate contributions to outside in 2018 cycle were from oil and gas companies.

10) 76% of Americans believe that government is “run by a few big interests looking out for themselves.”