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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration 425 Dirksen Senate Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration 260 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Chair Klobuchar and Ranking Member Blunt,

We applaud the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration's upcoming hearing on the DISCLOSE Act, and Senate Democrats' tireless commitment to giving all Americans a voice in the political process. Transparency is essential to a democracy that's open and accountable to the people, which is why we fully support this hearing and passage of this important legislation.

Our current system allows the elite donor class and corporate special interests to spend unlimited money in secret, and the consequences of that are felt every day. Since the *Citizens United* decision in 2010, there has been an unprecedented explosion of undisclosed spending by billionaires and special interests. Election spending by groups that don't disclose their donors increased from roughly \$6 million in 2006 to more than \$1 billion in 2020. This flood of secret money has been used to undermine faith in our elections, promote the "Big Lie," make it harder to vote, and impede much-needed progress on major issues so many Americans care about, whether that's protecting women's reproductive rights, tackling climate change, or lowering prescription drug prices.

The DISCLOSE Act would start to put an end to this corrupt system in several key ways. First, it would require organizations that spend money to influence our elections and federal judicial nominations to publicly disclose their largest donors, so Americans know which wealthy special interests are trying to influence their voice and vote. The DISCLOSE Act also addresses serious vulnerabilities in our system that currently allow foreign actors to meddle in our elections.

These common sense reforms are overwhelmingly popular with, and desired by, the public, with polling finding their support among 84% of voters, including 81% of Republican voters. As is too often the case, the only place where this issue is partisan is in the halls of Congress.

On behalf of End Citizens United // Let America Vote Action Fund and our more than four million members around the country, we unequivocally support the DISCLOSE Act and all efforts to make it federal law.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Muller

President

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¹ Nationwide survey of 1,001 registered voters conducted June 10-June 14, 2021, conducted by Global Strategy Group. Available online at https://navigatorresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Navigator-Update-06.17.2021.pdf.