

I END CITIZENS UNITED

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Bob Chapek and Susan Fox,

On behalf of our four million members, I write in response to your decision to pause Disney's corporate PAC contributions in Florida while you create "a new framework" for your political giving following the broad negative reaction to your response to the "Don't Say Gay" bill.

As you [consider your framework](#), I urge you to permanently cease corporate campaign donations and political support entirely. Corporate PACs, like Disney's, are designed for the sole purpose of gaining access and influence in Congress and state legislatures to boost profits. While this may serve as a useful business tactic, it more often than not disregards the real-life ramifications of funding politicians who are friendly to your corporation but support legislation that is dangerous to the lives of the American people and our democracy. Disney's political support and funding of politicians who push anti-LGBTQ legislation is generating national backlash--and rightfully so--but there will be equally justified outrage when the American people realize you also actively fund and support politicians who work to restrict the freedom to vote, deny climate change, and place restrictions on women's reproductive rights, among other issues.

While you have a fiduciary duty to your corporation, the political fight to lower corporate taxes or eliminate consumer protections should never supersede the interests of the American people.

When politicians shield themselves from public scrutiny by developing campaign war chests funded by corporations like Disney, it creates an environment ripe for corruption. It weakens American democracy, hurts the American people, and makes for a bad business environment.

Disney has an opportunity to demonstrate that it understands the gravity of how its corporate PAC contributions negatively impacted the LGBTQ community, and it can be a leader by permanently ceasing its corporate PAC donations and direct corporate giving. It's the only way to make an undeniable statement to the LGBTQ community that you hear their concerns and that you're ready to be part of the solution.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Muller
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