

I believe it's a good idea to know the incentives of folks, organizations or whomever have in spending large sums of money to influence voters that if allowed to continue unimaginable corruption is inevitable.

Comments provided by :
Adams, Brian

We need more transparency in the political process. Shadow groups and individuals should not be permitted to manipulate elections, public policy, or anything else without full disclosure. Americans deserve to know who or what is trying to control their lives.

Comments provided by :

Alt, Peggy

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Andersen , Evette

I have watched in horror as millions of dollars have flooded into North Carolina elections. Many of the PACS are 'dark', ie no names or attribution are provided. I follow politics closely, but I know that many people do not, and may accept outright falsehoods and misrepresentations if they do not know who is paying for the ads. Please take steps to require all political donors to acknowledge their funding.

Comments provided by :
Anderson, Shel

Money is having a terrible influence on politics. At least if people can see who is paying for these ads, it allows the public to see the truth.

Comments provided by :
Andresen, Karen

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Comments provided by :
Angelli, Terry

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Comments provided by :
Antuna, Andres

This has already be adjudicated by The Supreme Court of the United States of America. Just because some people don't like freedom is not a good enough reason to tamper with the First Amendment. Speech is free regardless of who is speaking. Do not do this. You will open a very dangerous can of worms.

Comments provided by :
archer, barbara

I believe it is imperative that "shadow donors" be required to identify themselves. I hope our elections are not for sale to the highest bidder.

Comments provided by :
Armour, James

I think it's unfair for special interest groups to be able to give money and no one knows where it comes from,terrorist's or drug cartels could be pretending to be a legit group.

Comments provided by :
Armstrong, Ja'Meka

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be **REQUIRED** to **EXPLICITLY** say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Askins, Richard

If money is speech and we value free speech, then free monetary speech.

The wealthy should not have the benefit of influencing politics to get their way and then to do it all behind closed doors. If it must go their way, then it shouldn't just be taken for granted but should be knowable, documented, discoverable.

Transparency is necessary for democracy. We need transparency in public affairs, else it is a private matter.

We need democracy now!

Comments provided by :
Atangcho, Merius

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Comments provided by :
Aurian-Blajeni, Dan

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Comments provided by :
Baclija, Martin

When corporations, labor organizations and wealthy individuals broadcast messages intended to influence my vote, they should be required to identify who they are and what their ultimate source of funding is. Please require full disclosure of the identity of the corporate, labor organization and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Baldwin, Keith

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Bales, Mark

I think that, if corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.
Thank you.

Comments provided by :
barbato, alessandro

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. We deserve to know who's trying to buying to our votes.

Comments provided by :
Barker, Bartholomew

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

The real solution is to ban all private money in politics, but we know you'll never do that.

Comments provided by :
Barr, Gordon

Currently, Internet service providers are legally classified as "information services," and the law says that no discrimination or price regulations are "necessary for consumer protection." This means that the FCC has no authority to regulate those services, though the commission does have indirect authority to regulate interstate and international communications. After the FCC released its Open Internet Order, Verizon filed a lawsuit against the FCC claiming that the commission didn't have the authority to make those rules or enforce them over Internet service providers like itself. In January of this year, the DC Court of Appeals agreed with Verizon and said that the FCC can't stop Internet service providers from blocking or discriminating against websites or any other Internet traffic unless the Internet is reclassified as a public utility. But the court also said the FCC does have some authority to implement net neutrality rules so far as it promotes broadband deployment across the net.

Comments provided by :
Barrett, Carolyn

The Supreme Court got it wrong and it needs to be corrected.

CORPORATIONS ARE NOT CITIZENS.

IF ANY ENTITY, BE IT CORPORATE LOBBYISTS, PACs BACKED BY CORPORATE MONEY OR WEATHY INDIVIDUALS, THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW TO INSURE THERE IS NOT ANY QUID PRO QUO GOING BACK TO THESE ENTITIES. ANY HONEST CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE ABLE TO STAND THE LIGHT OF DISCLOSURE TO THE MASSES.

Comments provided by :
Barry, James

The money that corporations spend on political parties and races is not private if it includes money that I have invested with that corporation. I need to know how my money is being spent. I am not simply interested in my or their bottom line when the corporation's contribution to a political party can affect my life in ways that I am currently unable to be informed about.

Comments provided by :
Battoni, Linda

Corporations, billionaires, and huge interest groups should not be allowed to try to influence voting, especially without public disclosure of the funds which are supporting any advertising campaign or ideology. The US has become a company town, run by the wealthy, who then manipulate the government.

Comments provided by :
Bawel, Kathy

In our democracy, in our United States, where our sons and daughters, our neighbors, have died to fight for what is morally right, we believe our government is for the people by the people. All contributions by people or corporations from this country or outside of our borders, given to our officials running for office or who are already elected, must be disclosed to the public. Citizens United and McCutcheon should be overturned. We want full disclosure of all donations made to any candidate.

Citizens United has disrupted our focus on creating a legislature that is morally responsible. It has created an atmosphere focused on neglecting our job so we can raise money to stay in office and to pay back favors to our donors. It has bought and sold our elected officials who run this country. It is a travesty that is ruining our nation and the sad part is our Supreme Court has already been compromised. We have a worse virus in this country than Ebola, it is corruption.

Comments provided by :
Beers, Susan

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Bellmore, Michael

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Belot, Mickael

I realize political scientists have found that citizen comments have little or no effect on public policy formation because corporate interests have captured most public agencies. However, I live in hope that occasionally a few people still listen to the public and make decisions that are based on what is best for the country not what is best for the 1% that make the rules.

Therefore I hope your agency will rule for what is best for the country and strike a blow for representative democracy. Given the tsunami of cash that has flowed into the election process (Thank you Supreme Court and public media) it is painfully obvious to anyone with a brain that it would be helpful to the citizens to know what corporations, what super wealthy individuals, are throwing money hand over fist full into national, local elections, and local ballot measures. I realize the jobs at FEC are probably on the line to rule for what is best for citizens not corporations and the 1%. The easy thing to do would be to rule for the powerful not for citizens. However, somebody has got to say "no" to this bullshit and FEC could help jumpstart this effort.

Comments provided by :
Beltram, Al

I want to know who is paying for all the ads I see on the television! Do the right thing. You know what that is! Stop allowing the monied interests to dominate politics. This is supposed to be a democracy!!!!!! At least a representative one.

Comments provided by :
Berg, Mark

Please do what is right and require full disclosure of large funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Berglund, Sara

I think having transparency on this issue will create a healthier political environment. I do not think this is so much a privacy issue, as it is a shame issue. Negative ads are effective, so we support them financially. But they are unkind, so we are embarrassed to have our names attached to them. Therefore, I think we should shine a light on politics and require full disclosure.

Comments provided by :
Bergren, Paul

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Comments provided by :
Bergstrom, Bo

All political advertising should contain information about the sponsor(s). The fact that most of it is attack and therefore "not directly supporting a candidate (or cause)" is so patently disingenuous as to be laughable. We must insist on full disclosure and transparency!

Comments provided by :
Bigelow, John

A democracy functions only when EVERYONE has a say. We must not adhere to processes or policies whereby someone can purchase a greater value to their say. This creates unfair and unconstitutional imbalance and exclusion.

Comments provided by :
Birge, Steve

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Blackburn, Barry

I want all the contributors to dark money groups to be named and exposed for all to see.

Comments provided by :
Blakeman, Hannah

I believe that if corporations, billionaires or labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, that it's important that they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Blank, Kathleen

Wouldn't you like to know who's giving you advice, or at least paying for it? Do you know of anyone who wouldn't? It's past time that the F.E.C. required full disclosure of all entities providing funding or backing of election advertisements. Please mandate these changes to provide complete transparency. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Blumenthal, Mark

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Bonitatibus, Amber

Voters have a right to know whose dollars are backing political advertisements. Funders need to be identified on the ads so voters can make informed choices. It's time to require full disclosure of the corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Booth, Elaine

I think it would be democratic to make all donors to election campaigns and special interest groups to fully show what they give.

To hide donations has to be the last thing the founding fathers wanted. Totally transparent is what it should be. But of course I don't believe that money = votes.

But isn't it obvious that our elected leaders are now being bought off? I would call that bribery.

Comments provided by :
Bowen, Dane

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :

Bown, William

Please establish rules that all elections are completely open and honest by identifying all donors to all candidates and elections. Keep election process open and identifiable.

Comments provided by :
Brady, Thomas

I believe I am entitled to know who is willing to pay for advertising designed to win my vote. The source of the information would influence my willingness to listen to the arguments and would tell me if the advertiser had an interest, financial or other, in the outcome. I want to know who is trying to buy my vote and where they are coming from. ¶No matter who the funding source is, whether a rich individual, a special interest group or other, voters should know that. Please require full disclosure of funding sources. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Brazier, Helene

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Briggs, Julia

People who want to run advertisements to influence our elections ought to be required to identify themselves.

Comments provided by :

Brown, Alan

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Buckley, Michael

Those trying to broadcast messages to influence my vote should be required to say who they are and not hide who is paying for it!

Full disclosure of corporate, union, and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications should be REQUIRED.

Comments provided by :

Bush, Aaron

All organizations and corporations must be required to reveal who they are contributing to and what they are contributing to influence elections.

Comments provided by :
Caiazzo, Joan

The American people have a right to know who is influencing our elections and who is behind advertising and other content intended to influence votes, as has traditionally been required of campaign advertising by candidates for elected positions. Please require full disclosure of identity and amount for all election-related spending by corporations, advocacy groups, unions, and large-donation individual or small-group contributors, without regard to whether the spending is for or against candidates or ballot issues.

Comments provided by :
Caldwell, Marla

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Camacho Humphrey, Adolfo

Anonymous election adds should be prohibited in all cases. Anyone who wants to influence an election should be in the light of day, not in the shadows. In particular, corporations, high net worth individuals and labor unions should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of all funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Canel, Lee

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. Thank you for your consideration.

Comments provided by :
Canestra, Margaret

Politicians have to identify themselves on ads with "I'm Congressman X and I approve this message. They should also have to identify who paid for the ad. Also, corporations and people of vast wealth who pay for TV and Radio ads supporting candidates in elections should have to identify themselves by name, not under some misleading title such as People for Freedom in America which is an insult to the election process. Since anyone, including foreigners can pay to influence our elections, we should at the least know who wants us to vote for so-and-so. There's probably corruption at the bottom of it for as we all know so many of our government representatives are bought and paid for; it would be good to know who's doing the buying.

Comments provided by :
Cappelletti, John

You know you need to force disclosure. It's bad enough the rightwing nut SCOTUS members decided to sell the Republic to the highest bidder. Don't stand back and let dark money hide their donors from us. How do you know foreigners are not contributing money?

Comments provided by :
Carr, Rebecca

Hiding and covert behavior makes sense in a police state. Since we are an open republic, a democracy, except for the ballot box in the public arena, why should there be a wall around donations to candidates? What's the rationale? Fear of influence and leverage? One man, one vote if applicable, then one donor, one exposure to the light of day. This must include bogus names and phony institutions, I am including unions as well!

Comments provided by :
chazin, allen

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. It is time that citizens know who is trying to buy the elections!!

Comments provided by :
Christian, Luther

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Clausen, Ted

NO 'dark money' should be allowed into our political process AT ALL. What would stop foreign corporations or even foreign governments from using this channel to influence our elections?

Comments provided by :
Clerke, Greg

This is a sad state of affairs for America when democracy is no longer for each citizen but goes to the highest bidder. This country has become a country of the haves and have nots. Money should not determine who wins an election and the person spending the most money should not dictate the outcome of what is supposedly a fair election process. The dark money needs to stop now otherwise this is just the start of freedom being bought and sold.

Comments provided by :
Clinkscale, Diane

I ask that you require full disclosure of the corporate, union, and billionaire funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. Dark money does our democracy no good.

Comments provided by :
Cole, Merrill

We strongly urge the FEC to stop special interests from hiding behind anonymous, unaccountable dark money groups.

Comments provided by :
Conrad, Mike and Jane

I'm just barely old enough to remember how the "Fairness Doctrine" curtailed & stifled political speech on the airwaves back when I was a child. This potential action by the FEC would could have a similar chilling effect on the internet. As someone who records my own videos and podcasts--and is grateful because the opportunities to say the things that I say would never have been available to me in the "regulated" world of TV & Radio--I would hate to see our nation make the same mistakes regarding political speech that we made for much of the 20th Century.

Comments provided by :
Cook, Travis

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Comments provided by :
Cornelia, Jared

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I write as not only a private citizen, but as a combat veteran, small business owner, and a concerned parent and faith leader. Responsible government comes from full transparency and disclosure - those who have nothing to hide have nothing to fear. Make this requirement today.

Comments provided by :
Courter, Jeffrey

If corporations, billionaires, and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are! They should have to OWN up to the messages they are sending! Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications!

Comments provided by :
Covington, Gaya

Nothing should be private. Anybody who gives money should say who they are. By hiding or keeping it from the public is wrong. Why do they get away with it when we little people cannot. It is wrong and should be stopped.

Comments provided by :
crane, sandra

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Comments provided by :
Crazy Wolf, Roger

Until McCutcheon and Citizens United are done away with, I want to know who's behind all the advertising I see and hear. I don't care if it's some liberal labor organization or hard right religious zealot in his basement with millions of dollars to spare. In my opinion, politicians are getting paid to lie to us. Before us voters get a chance to pick the most appealing liar, we should be able to be better informed about that person. Henceforth, all organizations and individuals throwing money into a candidate's ad must be of public knowledge so that you and I and everyone else who votes knows what we're getting ourselves into. Buyer beware.

Comments provided by :
Creider, Al

I urge you to require identification of donors (whether corporations, billionaires or labor unions) who put massive amounts of money into ads that do not disclose their monetary source. I would like to know who exactly is trying to influence my vote. That knowledge would help me assess the validity of the ad's message.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Crowley, Paul

As a citizen of a Democracy I believe I have a right to know who is paying for the ads and messages that are trying to influence and inform my vote. And I don't think that knowing the name of a front organization is enough. I want to know who is writing the checks to pay for these ads.

This is critical information especially in view of the "corporate personhood" laws which have poisoned our political discourse.

The FEC should take steps to help American voters see the real intent of political messages by requiring full disclosure of corporate, union and other wealthy funding sources behind those messages.

Comments provided by :
Curedale, Patrice

Dark money donors are dangerous to our democracy; we demand that they be outed so that we can all see who they are and what they are trying to achieve for themselves.

Our democracy cannot withstand this assault; those who are giving the dark money are dangerous and must be outed immediately.

We will find out who they are and fight them in our quest to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
dale, warren

When money floods the electoral process, the sources of that money should identify themselves or it confuses and undermines democracy. Most often money sources will hide behind bogus organizations or innocuous names meant to confuse and mislead voters. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Davis, Shellee

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
DeKeyrel, Dallas

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. This unbridled onslaught of politically biased and influenced message is unacceptable and destroying the fabric of our democracy. Contrary to misguided and politically biased view of certain conservative members of the Supreme Court, a corporation is not a person and does not deserve the same rights of free speech as afforded an individual citizen. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Derbigny, Rodney

These wealthy special interests have MONEY which allows them to amplify their comments & views. They saturate the airwaves with their message; sometimes I question how much truth these ads contain. However, even a lie, repeated often enough, begins to sound like truth. At least if we know the source of these messages, the voters can attempt to figure out the stance, the perspective, the bias & perhaps the motivation of those who are sponsoring these messages.

Comments provided by :
Di Russo, Donald

Dear FEC

Please stop special interests from hiding behind anonymous, unaccountable dark money groups. American democracy should not be for sale to the highest, sleaziest bidder.

Daniel Diehl

Comments provided by :
Diehl, Daniel

Corporations should not be considered people in and of themselves in our legal system. This is a position that goes against common sense and the public good. Corporations should not have the right to hide behind unaccountable dark money groups. I urge the FEC to regulate these groups and require them to make any corporations that donate to them release their identity. We need accountability, on both sides of the political aisle.

Comments provided by :
Dotson, Mike

If corporations, billionaires, and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union, and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Douglas, Kenneth

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Comments provided by :
Douglas, Manetric

I strongly urge the commission to make public all sources and individuals associated with those sources to the public. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Dubaldo, Marshall

My vote is being influenced by undisclosed sources and this must change.

I urge the FEC to require full disclosure from corporations, billionaires and labor unions who want to broadcast.

Any and every electioneering communication and/or express advocacy advertisement MUST require full disclosure of union, corporate, and wealthy funding sources.

FEC, act on behalf of the democracy that you claim to protect; demand full disclosure.

Comments provided by :

Dugar, Alice

over time we have allowed people with enormous amounts of money to contribute to the election process in order to affect the voting outcome in ways that is hidden from public view. It defeats our democracy, and it takes away the ability for citizens to have their votes be effective. Election reform is long over-due.

Comments provided by :
Edelstein, Eva

If we are to be an educated electorate, we must be able to know who is sponsoring or paying or contributing toward the election ads, the candidates, the party, whatever. Disclosure is paramount to an electorate in a democracy. Otherwise this will be come a "government for hire."

Comments provided by :
Edwards, Rita

Elections should take place w/maximum transparency so that all involved can feel secure in the knowledge that no fraud has been committed. We now have a requirement that a person running for public office must state that they approve of the ads that appear on TV for them. Great.

But there is now a large group of ads whose creators claim aren't in favor of a particular candidate but simply give out information. Unfortunately, many times the information is declared misleading, half truths, false, or outright lies. The public deserves to know who is putting out false information to influence an election.

I urge you to promulgate rules and regulations that allow everyone to see who is funding all campaigns whether directly or indirectly claiming it is just an issue or information ad.

Comments provided by :
Elliot, Steve

Please require full disclosure of the funding sources for candidate and issue advocacy ads. If money is considered to be speech then we, the public, should know who it is that is speaking.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Engle, Douglas

I urge the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to require the disclosure of the identities of corporations and other groups behind the dark money campaigns corrupting our elections.

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are.

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Fabiya, Emman

It's a disgrace that monied interests can post lies and half-truths anonymously and get away with it. This law needs to be changed!

Comments provided by :
Felion, Marylyn

Of the PEOPLE, by the PEOPLE, for the PEOPLE. ALL THE PEOPLE.

Comments provided by :
Fields, Jon

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications, as the supreme court indicated should be done when they struck down contribution limits.

Comments provided by :

Filler, Matthew

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence American voters, they should be required to say who they are. They should offer the reason why they are pumping so much money into the election.

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. The American public is entitled to transparency.

Comments provided by :
Finch, Louetta

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Firth, Richard W.

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Comments provided by :
Foran, Jane

The horribly anti-democratic recent decisions by the Supreme Court regarding campaign finance must be reversed. In the meantime, however, if the country has got to live with them we must at least make the donation system transparent as much as possible. The dark money soiling our election system must be brought into the light of day by identifying all donors by name.

Comments provided by :
Fox, Raymond

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Thank you.

Comments provided by :

Franck, Irene

Corporations, billionaires and labor unions should be required to say who they are when broadcasting messages to influence my vote. It is imperative that full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind all express advocacy ads and electioneering communications be required. Please use your good offices to meet these standards to inform and protect us!

Comments provided by :
Frazier, Louise

How am I supposed to make an informed decision how to vote, if I have no idea who is supporting the argument and therefore how it is being spun? At this point I feel very strongly that I need to know who benefits from the ad and who doesn't.

Comments provided by :
Friedrich, Lawrence

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. There needs to be transparency because conflicts of interest runs rampant through Congress and other elected seats. Congress no longer represents the people. They represent those who have vast amounts of money to put into election coffers. I want to know who those people are.

Comments provided by :
Frighetti, Paula

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Comments provided by :
Gallagher, Kevin

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Comments provided by :
Ganansia, Charles

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are.

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

As a Certified Election Inspector, I take my role of advocacy seriously and am for fair and accessible elections to maintain representative government.

When wealthy individuals or groups contribute to "campaign marketing" to sway votes, there is no reason to hide.

How can we elect representatives if we are not allowed to know who is financing their campaign?

Thank you for your consideration.

Comments provided by :
Gies, David

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Comments provided by :
Giese, Mark M

If corporations, the wealthy, etc. want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should at least be required to say who they are so we can evaluate the source. Why the secrecy?

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. That's democracy!

Comments provided by :
Giordano, Tony

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Goldman, Andrew

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union, and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

I believe we should all have access to knowing who is financing campaigns for public offices so that corruption can be less able to hide behind closed doors.

Comments provided by :
Goode, Dalton

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Gorringer, Richard

we the people have the right too know who is giving money to the candidates and what hey want in return. this is a government of the people, for the people. we need to know who and where that money is coming from and where it goes.

Comments provided by :
grasso, thomas

If corporations, billionaires, and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union, and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Greaves, Denise

Money should not be so powerful and determine so much of our life.

Comments provided by :
Gromoll, Norda

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require FULL DISCLOSURE of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Gump, Thomas

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. There is too much money in campaigns as it is, but to not know the entities behind the funding is unconscionable. They should be willing to expose themselves to the country/world if they want to influence anyone's vote.

Comments provided by :
Gurley, Irene

It is my belief that wealthy donors do not want to disclose who they are because they want people to believe that the ads and communications they sponsor comes from other like minded people such as themselves. I have no problem specifying who I am or what my views are because I am not ashamed of the agenda I support and I feel wealthy donors, corporations, and unions should do the same. We have Democrats denying President Obama even though they voted for him and like his policies. Rather than defend their past actions to include their voting record, who they support, and who have in the past supported them and take on all who would disagree with them, they hide and pretend to be something they are not. The same happens on the other side of the aisle with all these big money donors. It is time to stand up and truly say who you are and what you believe in. Stop being cowards and stop trying to deceive the public.

Comments provided by :
Harrison, Ralph

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. I should be able to know who is trying to influence my vote. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Hart, Richard

Money isn't "speech"; money is power. Allowing wealthy industries, corporations and individuals to make unlimited, private donations without putting it on public record makes a mockery of both democracy and free enterprise. How can the invisible hand of the marketplace work if consumers-- and the voting public-- are left in the dark?

Power without accountability creates corruption.

Comments provided by :

Hartzog, Amy

If corporations , labor unions and the billionaires try to influence my vote, they should be required to identify themselves. Require full disclosure of corporate , union and billionaire funding sources behind campaign ads.

Comments provided by :
hassel, beverly

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Hawkins, Don

I contribute to political campaigns and believe that corporations, billionaires and labor unions also have the right to do so. However, I believe that Americans have the right to know the names of those corporations, billionaires and labor unions behind the radio and television political commercials.

I am required to provide my identifying information when making political donations and they should also be required to provide their identifying information when producing radio and television commercials.

I support full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy individual funding sources in all elections in America.

Comments provided by :
Hebron, Theresa

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Hendricks, Stephen

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be need to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Henry, Carole

If corporations, billionaires, and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. My vote should be informed by accurate information.

Comments provided by :
Hersch, Steve

I am concerned about the influence of money in our election process. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. I want the FEC to create rules that will allow the real living breathing people of this nation to know where this money is coming from and how much is being spent to influence our votes. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Hofmann, Merle

You got require the disclosure of the identities of corporations and other groups behind the dark money campaigns corrupting our elections.

Big corporation, who has lobbying staff are not citizen, like us.

You need protect ordinary citizen without enough money to dispense like the corporations only with greediness.

Comments provided by :

hollifield, machiko

For a democracy, campaign contributions must be transparent....Unions, corporations, wealthy individuals, and certainly foreign agents and corporations.

Comments provided by :
Holmgren, Mark

I am paying my representatives to do their job. I shouldn't have to pay them again to reelect them. Get the damn money out of elections!!! It is immoral and a corrupting influence.

Comments provided by :
holoubek, mark

It is extremely important that all donations transparent. NO secret donations.

Comments provided by :
Holson, Sheldon

Please require corporations, unions and wealthy individuals to disclose their contributions to super pacs and other groups that influence campaigns or advocate for a candidate.

Comments provided by :
Homer, Deanna

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Hong, Celeste

Common sense, simple honesty (or call it transparency?), dictates that anyone attempting to influence my vote should identify himself. His interests are quite likely useful in my weighing his opinions.

Comments provided by :
Hooper, Robert

We the people must elect the most capable and honest people to public office if we expect our government to represent us well. We the people must possess the ability to discern the difference between truth and fiction. The FEC must write rules that enable We the people to discover whether the information we receive is true or false. It is essential that We the people know the names of those who sponsor and approve the campaign ads and messages. If the people who are responsible for the information that is presented to us for our consideration are required to identify themselves, perhaps they will give us more chocolate cake and less cowpies on fire.

Comments provided by :
Hopkins, James

Any corporation that sponsors election ads should be required to fully disclose who they are and how much they gave. At this point, they could be companies who have inverted in order to avoid paying US taxes and I do not think they should even be allowed to fund ads to influence elections. Full disclosure by corporations is also desirable to shareholders, since what would be their dividends is going to the ads instead. Money from labor unions and billionaires should be identified as such. People should be able to find out easily when it is outside money that is funding a campaign. Tax-exempt groups that fund ads should also be clearly identified. (Some of these groups shouldn't be tax-exempt!)

Comments provided by :
Hosler, Pamela

The amount of money that corporations, billionaires, and labor unions have results in grossly disproportionate power and influence. Only legal compulsion can hold them accountable for the exercise of that power and influence. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
House, Michael

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Houser, Kris

If corporations and billionaires want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Howe, Jared

I'm opposed to the FEC functioning under Regulatory Capture in regard to "dark money" that allows the privileged few to run rough shod over US elections.

I'm opposed to the Supreme Court owned by big business interpreting legislation crafted via www.ALEC.org, and passed by legislators elected by the said "dark money".

Comments provided by :
Hricik, Jean

Washington State already has this law:

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of ALL funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :

Hughes, Laurel

The time to get dark money out of politics was long ago. Please make it happen now.

Comments provided by :
Hurley, Patrick

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Hyde, Ed

McCutcheon v. FEC was a flawed ruling on the part of the Supreme Court, as was the decision in Citizens United. Allowing unlimited contributions on the part of individuals has unleashed a flood of "dark money" into the elections process that is unprecedented in the history of our country. Our democracy is being destroyed by a few individuals and corporations, who have nothing but disdain for the democratic process and the principle of one man (person)/one vote. These few individuals and the secret donors who help them out are attempting to buy this election and control our country for their own personal gain. This needs to be stopped - and should have been prevented in the first place.

I hope that it is possible to get this disastrous decision nullified.

Comments provided by :
ImMasche, Sonia

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence voters, they should be required to say who they are. I believe requiring such disclosure would be a positive step towards repairing our campaign finance and election systems.

Comments provided by :

Isis-Brown, Anna

Corporations and business interests should not be able to hide the source of their funding contributions. Buying politicians anonymously is a detriment to our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Jackson, Mikel

I second the comments below. I couldn't express my feelings any better than this.

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Janetzke, Sherry

please require groups to identify their donors so our democracy can not be bought by only those with billions

Comments provided by :

jean, drodger

I am urging the Federal Election Commission (FEC) require the disclosure of the identities of corporations and other groups behind the dark money campaigns corrupting our elections.

Comments provided by :
Jensen, Daniel

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they **MUST** be **REQUIRED** to say who they are! Please **REQUIRE** full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Johnsen, Harold

The FEC should mandate that all contributions made for political election campaign purposes must identify the individual/s, corporations, and other entities making the contributions.

Comments provided by :
Johnson, David

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Jones, Richard

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
joseph furiati, erasmo

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Juhaniewicz, Agnieszka

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Kaplan, Jeremy

It is important to know who are behind lying deceptive ads and who are behind the true factual ones. We need more transparency in our election process.

Comments provided by :
Kelly, Brian

The idea that our government and its departments are for sale needs to stop. If any entity wants to make large contributions with the intent of buying the outcome, they should be required to be listed on any ad that is put out either in print, television, or radio media or internet. This should be the same as any large contributions given to any senate, congressional, or representative. Our government must stop being for sale to the rich and special interest groups.

Comments provided by :
KIERNAN, FRANK

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications

Comments provided by :
Kilgore, James

I believe that nearly all politicians are strongly controlled by BIG money from Corporations, unions, individual billionaires, PACs, and others. The FEC must force disclosure of the source of these funds that foul the political process. Failing to do this gives the strong impression that the FEC is also controlled by the same money.

Comments provided by :
Kisner, Byron

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Klemme Eliceiri, Rebecca

As a stockholder of many companies, I think that the stockholders should be made aware of all donations corporations make to candidates and issues. These should include any PACs that corporations organize. I worked for a fortune 500 company that strongly encouraged their managers to donate to the company sponsored PAC. It is mine boggling the amount of money corporations are spending to effect elections this year. Reading about the money being spent to defeat proposition 92 in Oregon is awful. I encourage the SEC to require all corporations to disclose the money they are spending on candidates and issues. The stockholders has a right to know.

Comments provided by :
Kolb, Rodger

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

It shouldn't be in such small print that you can't read it on a commercial. I need to know who is sponsoring all these commercials.

Comments provided by :
Koschmeder, Teresa

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
LaLiberty, Allen

We are losing our way of life in a very negative way. Corporations are not persons. Money in politics is ruining this country. People are being hurt. Amend the constitution so that corporations are not persons and money is not speech or the poor and middle class are doomed in this country. Do the right thing and everyone wins.

Comments provided by :
LaPointe, Keith

If corporations, billionaires, and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union, and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Lateiner, Ulysses

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Latos, Nat

If a person or corporation is willing to contribute to a pac/superpac, then those contributors should be willing to stand up and be identified. And if the election is local or state (not national) money that is from out of state should be even more clearly identified so that out of staters do not try to impact the elections when they do not have to live with the results.

If the funding wasn't as secretive, maybe, not only would we have truth in advertising, maybe we would have truthful advertising.

Comments provided by :

Lauer, Jane

Please require the disclosure of the identities of corporations and other groups behind the dark money campaigns corrupting our elections.

Comments provided by :
Lemlin, Robert

If special interest groups want to buy broadcast messages to try and influence how I vote then they should be required to say who they are and from whom they get their money. Nothing less than FULL DISCLOSURE of all corporate, union and other funding sources is acceptable in a functioning democracy. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Comments provided by :
Lewis, Jordan

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Lim, Howard

CORPORATIONS Must Be IDENTIFIED When Spending MONEY to INFLUENCE My Vote.

Comments provided by :

Limbach, Carol

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Linda, Lauren

I believe it is critical that when any person or entity attempts to influence voter behavior, they must clearly identify themselves. This must be a legal requirement. Any advertisement or election-related communication must contain a clear disclosure of who paid for it. Without such disclosure, voters lack a key piece of information that would tell them who would ultimately benefit from their vote.

Comments provided by :
Lipsey, Joseph

All contributors, corporate or individual should identify themselves.

Comments provided by :
Loe, Hardy

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Lucha, Jeremy

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Thank you for reading this comment.

Comments provided by :
Mack, Gregg

Why do I have to buy my government back from big business. They have more money than I will ever have but don't even have to disclose their name. Enough is enough, corporations are not individuals and should be regulated as to how much money they can give to a political candidate. They are buying up our government for their own profit.

Comments provided by :
Maher, Evanne

We, the American People want full disclosure on dark money donations. We will settle for no less. We want our democracy back. An oligarchy is NOT acceptable!

Comments provided by :
Malin, Theresa

The FEC must require complete and full disclosure of corporate, union and all other funding sources of communications about elections including advertisements supporting candidates and expressing viewpoints on issues. Knowledge is power and deprivation of the electorate of that power is wrong especially in the context of a representative democratic republic. It is absolutely necessary for a free country to have an electorate informed to the full extent possible, including to be fully informed of those behind political stands and advertisements - especially since such communications are selective in portrayal, often are not fairly given, but have a great psychological impact and influence on how the electorate votes. To fairly and fully understand the viewpoints of these communications those providing the great amount of funds for them must be known. Elections must not be just about who can afford sophisticated evocative advertising while making the advertisements appear to be fair expression by allowing the funders to hide behind seemingly neutral or psychologically attractive names. Depriving the electorate of knowledge of those behind political communications is tantamount to fraud on the electorate.

Comments provided by :
Manley , David B

It is vital for a functioning democracy that all corporate and other wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications must be easily and publicly available to all voters. Excess money, especially hidden source money, in our politics is turning the USA into an oligarchy controlled by corporate and moneyed interests for their own benefit.

Comments provided by :

Marr, Sandra

f corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Martin, John

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Martini, Jessica

Of the PEOPLE by the PEOPLE for the PEOPLE, NOT CORPORATIONS!

Comments provided by :
Mateos, Risha

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
May, Gerald

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
McAllister, Robert W

There needs to be a serious change in the way elections are carried on in this country. Big money has been allowed to buy elections. The Supreme Court has made it even easier. We are rapidly drifting away from the one person / one vote notion that is the basis of our democracy. Something has to be done NOW!

The McCutcheon decision is a further extension of the already BAD Citizens United decision!

Comments provided by :

McCollum, Errol

It seems only right and even constitutional that all voters should know who, as opposed to what, is pouring millions of dollars into elections for any office anywhere in the country. Masking, no, hiding where all of that money is coming from is, in my opinion, unethical and reprehensible at the very least and that it should be criminal at the most. We all need to know who is spending those huge sums of money. It truly seems as though it is becoming ever more possible to literally "buy" an election if enough money is spent. I do believe that might be termed voter fraud on a huge scale and should be opened fully to the public.

Comments provided by :
McGuire, Michael

Dark money (from undisclosed sources) undermines democracy because huge amounts of money for advertising and media blitzes do influence much of the uninformed electorate, with the result being that persons or groups with plenty of money can buy elections with their contributions. This tends to corrupt elected officials. While free speech cannot be limited, the voters deserve to know who is paying for the advertising and campaign expenses so their motives may be known, for better or worse.

Comments provided by :
McKee, Roger

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
McNeill, Douglas

Special interest money in politics is a vulgar and grotesque abortion of the founding principals in this country. We are now an oligarchy, not a democracy.

Comments provided by :
meek, Alex

It is sad that those with money can control our elections. At the very least we citizens have the right to know who the persons and corporations are who are seeking to do this.

Comments provided by :
Megill, Esther

Please require full disclosure of funding sources for political and issue advertising. Dark money is taking our democracy away.

Comments provided by :
Melton, Karen

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should have the courage to say who they are. If they don't, then the FEC should require them to say who they are. So please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

None of the above entities can reasonably make a case that disclosure is equivalent to "bullying," as some politicians have said. Disclosure in and of itself is **not** "bullying"; actions undertaken against those entities afterward might qualify as "bullying," but we already have laws protecting such entities from libel, slander, and terroristic threats. No law, of course, protects anyone in America from **criticism**, nor should it. I suspect most of those who oppose disclosure really fear the power of people rising up against what they stand for. If that's what they fear, they really should leave the hard work of politics to people with thicker skin.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Comments provided by :
Mento, Alec

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Merkel, Karynn

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Mark Mersky
Portland, OR.
97229

Comments provided by :
Mersky, Mark

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Sincerely,

Rita Meuer, American Citizen

Comments provided by :
meuer, rita

The democratic process is too important to be influenced in secret. Transparency is the best policy and sunshine is the best disinfectant. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence voters, they must identify themselves. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Meyer, Alex

Democracy is corrupted when powerful entities can spend billions of dollars on advertisements without disclosing who they are. The people have a fundamental right to know who is behind these ads.

Comments provided by :
Michaels, Jr., Harry

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind election ads. These people and groups should be held accountable and the common people should have the right to know who is trying to influence their (and my) vote. This is the right thing to do.

Comments provided by :
Miller, Jonathan

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Miralia, Lynn

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Mirkle, James

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to attempt to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are and what their intent is as well as how much they donated. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Mitton, Darren

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required by law to say who they are.

I respectfully request that you require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Moccagatta, Iole

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Mockbee, Jacob

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
montapert, anthony

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Mooney, Glenn

Please require disclosure of funding sources behind election ads. Isn't transparency what democracy is all about?

Comments provided by :

Moore, Mary

I would like to know the names & the amounts paid by these large donors to purchase our elections & thus our "DEMOCRACY". There should be complete transparency in our elections & in the operation of our government. We do not need an oligarchy! These pompous, greedy fools do not know what's best for the rest of us. Thank you for your actions to protect our elections & the public's right to know.

Sincerely,

Donald Morey

Comments provided by :
Morey, Donald

Stop special interests from hiding behind anonymous, unaccountable dark money groups.

Comments provided by :
Moye, Joe

I'm not a lawyer, just a private citizen. Perhaps I got into the incorrect category. I have been a professor for 25 years though, and I have been a citizen concerned about the state of our democracy. We need to make each vote really count, and all funding should be completely disclosed. I don't agree with the idea that a corporation is a person. We need real campaigns, real debate and intelligent discussions, open information and a press that does investigations into the facts regarding what they write. Please do an honest job required by the mandates of your agency.

thank you,

A concerned citizen

Comments provided by :

Murphy, Marie

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Nardell, Jason

Please rule that corporations must disclose their role and monetary expenditures in ads in public media.

Comments provided by :
Narveson, Robert

Its time for accountability from a government organization

Comments provided by :
Nazimowitz, Adam

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. I am extremely disturbed by the trend in politics since Citizens United, as it appears that oligarchs, unions and corporations can now buy elections.

Comments provided by :

Neale, Joanne

Full disclosure of who is speaking, please. It's only fair.

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Neujahr, Paul

To call ourselves a democracy means we must be able to identify who is paying for and supporting and labeling everything we consume. We cannot make informed decisions unless we have full disclosure. I'm an RN and we are required to tell patients every possible let alone probable consequences, so I expect that from our politicians and businesses.

Comments provided by :
Nicholson, Carol

Please disclose McCutcheon v. FEC!

Comments provided by :
Novkov, Russell

my vote should be based on 1 vote per citizen not the how much money you have to bribe your politicians!!

Comments provided by :

Nowak, Joseph

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Oaks, Sara

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union, and wealthy funding sources behind all PAC, express advocacy ads, and electioneering communications.

Just because someone has more money than I do, doesn't mean they have a right to more speech than I do.

Comments provided by :
Olcott, Lori

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Osborn, Carole

Thanks to the "Supreme" Court and the extremist right-wing, we now have no democracy.

Our electoral process is as valid as that of other Third World countries.

You must do something to change this frightening tide of corporatism controlling our lives.

Comments provided by :
osborn, Laura

The American people have a right to know who is financing the campaigns of every single office holder at all levels of government.

Comments provided by :
Otto, Patricia

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. This will give the viewers (voters) a chance to decipher the real motives behind the messages.

Comments provided by :
Padborg, Knud

The Republican party CANNOT be allowed to BUY America with huge sums of money from UNDISCLOSED sources. Corporations are NOT people and should not be allowed to BUY elections. It's very simple: dark money supports crooked candidates.

Comments provided by :
Pappano, Allie

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Parowski, Paul

democracy requires that all donors are disclosed. no one, not the wealthy, not corporations, not shadow organizations, should be allowed to hide their contributions.

Comments provided by :
Parris, Pam

Anonymous political contributions are immoral. We need full disclosure.

Comments provided by :

Paul, David

Stop special interests from hiding behind anonymous, unaccountable dark money groups.

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :

Perez, R C

There should be no restriction on the internet,nor youtube, not individual blogs on the internet

Why one would want to regulate free speech, boggles my mind. The only reason that I can come up with is to restrict speech and ideas to benefit one political party/political view over another. What each side forgets is that one day the shoe will be on the other foot, and the protestations will fall on death years as that side will have been the one who issued the regulations.

Those who wish to restrict speech are those who, even though they believe they are doing a noble thing , are in fact imposing tyranny.

Lenin, Tito, etc did not believe they were establish tyrinical govt;s that surpress people, but they where and did.

Where a joke about Tito being a pig would get a person a sentence to "goli otok" the barren island and with Lenin to Siberia

If you have not read 1984 by orwell and Farenheit 451, do so, your proposed regulations of free speech on the internet is the first step in the process of a government becoming Big Brother.

Comments provided by :
pestic, renata

The US government should not be for sale to the highest bidder. Elected representatives (House, Senate, President, etc.) should not owe allegiance based on campaign contributions. **MONEY DOES NOT EQUAL FREE SPEECH.** Corporations are NOT people. Campaign/political contributions should ALL transparently traceable back to the contributors. Covert organizations spending dark money (the source of the money is unknown) must not be allowed to exist. To be otherwise is to deviate from the intent of our Constitution and our ideal of "...government of the people, by the people, and for the people...".

Comments provided by :
Pfeifer, Ivan

Please require full disclosure of all funding sources, whether corporate, union, wealthy, or non-profit, behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. Any person or entity that desires to broadcast messages to influence my vote should be required to identify themselves.

Comments provided by :
Pickett, Jeffrey

Corporations, unions and wealthy donors, who want to broadcast messages to influence our votes, should absolutely have to disclose who they are. The FEC must require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and election- related communications.

Comments provided by :
Pieth, Reto

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Translation: They should not be ashamed in who they support and why. It is not fair whatsoever they're doing this. Let it be known whom they support and say so.

It would help as well.

Comments provided by :
Pittman, Jawara

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Pollack, Julie

I firmly believe that the current campaign finance system is corrosive to our democracy. I do not believe that spending money on elections falls under the protections of the first amendment, nor do I believe that corporations, unions, and other organizations are entitled to the rights of natural persons.

Obviously, a majority of the Supreme Court does not agree with me, which is why it is even more important that our electoral system maximize transparency around monetary donations to political campaigns. Please ensure that all donors to PACs and other channels of campaign financing disclose their identity. Such information is necessary to the maintenance of a democratic system of accountable representation.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Potter, Richard

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Prostko, Linda

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Pyles, Shane

I am really surprised that the law abiding, tax paying public, has to demand that election campaign finance information be revealed to the public! Election transparency is a fundamental right.

Comments provided by :
Que, John

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Quinn, John

The way to implement *McCutcheon v. FEC* is simple. Don't implement *McCutcheon v. FEC* or *Citizens United v. FEC*. The Supreme Court has no way to enforce these decisions.

Comments provided by :
Rardin, Ryan

Seems to be a fundamental breakdown of open government when unnamed sources can influence public business with hidden sourced money. This should not be allow this to happen in our Democracy and I urge you to stop this from happening. It is not fair for anyone when this is allowed. Thank you for your consideration.
WR

Comments provided by :
Rasmussen, William

If the companies I do business with or invest in have a right to vote with their dollars, I should have a right to know what they are doing so I can vote against them with my dollars.

These are not humans with a right to secret ballot. We are talking about corporations and other artificial constructs. The only thing the people who run them understand is dollars.

Please, do not let them keep their contributions secret.

Comments provided by :
Rees, Les

Please require disclosure of the names of (unions, corporations, individuals) paying for ads advocating a vote for or against a candidate or legislation so that the electorate may better judge.

Comments provided by :
Reisman, Emil

Elections should be transparent, as part of public life in a democracy. Campaign finance, as an important part of that process, is no different. Without mandatory disclosure of fund donations, public confidence in the democratic process suffers. Full disclosure is simply a common sense policy.

Comments provided by :
Remec, Miroslav

There is No such thing as a too Big of a Gov't, Only Politicians trying to Hide what their doing behind the Peoples back. Open our Government back up to the People with open Transparency and Fair National Elections based on Peoples One Vote ~ One Voice! Citizens United is a CORPORATION SCAM upon the American Peoples Right to Vote in Fair Elections. Citizens United is CORPORATION Control and Thief of the American Peoples Freedom. Citizens United is a Evil Disgrace upon our Supreme Court and Government.

Comments provided by :
Reynolds, Alan

Freedom of speech explicitly does not include freedom to incite riots, yell "fire" in a crowded theater or make political statements without responsible identification.

Freedom of speech is a human right, not a corporate right (no matter what the Extreme Court says).

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Richter, Mark

Hidden special interest money is destroying our democracy because it almost always distorts the truth and uses fear to ensure their agenda. This extortion is less violent than what the mob uses but it still steals opportunities and support from our families and governance.

Stand with the majority of Americans who need to reduce the influence of big-money interest by exposing all the names of those who are creating the messages with rules that require names be displayed well ahead of the voting date.

At least with some usable knowledge about those who are distorting the truth about our ballot issues, solutions and candidates we will have a better chance of knowing something about those broadcasting the distortions well before we have to mark our votes.

Please understand how unfair big money's megaphone influence is hurting the majority of American Citizens. We really need to put democracy in our Republic back into the hands of all Americans.

Comments provided by :
Rines, Roger

Transparency equals democracy. Prohibit "dark money" in elections.

Comments provided by :

Ripeckyj, George

Corporations and other groups should not be offering campaign bribes (the correct term -- not "donations") at all. Ever. This violates a basic principle of any legitimate democracy: one person, one vote.

For corporations and other groups to be offering bribes secretly is, of course, completely abhorrent.

This isn't up for debate. There is no issue here at all.

This is criminal activity, and must cease immediately.

Comments provided by :
Roberts, Ken

Who on earth thinks billions in secret spending on elections is a good idea? if the spenders can't stand behind their spending there can be no good in it at all. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Robins, William

Our democracy is at stake! Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Rogers, Mark

The issue of "dark money" in elections threatens to undermine the fundamentals of democracy in America and it needs to be effectively addressed right now.

Comments provided by :
Rossiter, Timothy

Government of, by, and for the people requires that secret groups and corporations are not controlling our democracy with big money that puts out hate advertizing to turn the minds and votes of the 20% dim-witted in the country. If these international monopoly corporations are hiding their contributions, they are probably engaged in de-facto criminal bribery.

Require sunlight. Require disclosure. Require responsibility for actions.

Comments provided by :
Rousu, Dwight

In order for me to determine which front groups are funding electioneering advertisements, all funding sources of election advertisements, especially those of corporations, should be made open and available to the public on the FEC's website.

Comments provided by :
Ruhl, John

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to pay for broadcast messages intended to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :

ryan, gary

If they want to spend millions of millions of dollars to buy themselves a Congress and if it continues, a President, then they can for sure tell EVERYONE where those millions of millions of dollars are coming from.

Plain and simple...the people whose votes no longer mean any kind of representation in Washington, D.C. deserve to know who REALLY owns this country.

Comments provided by :
ryan, meredith

I am a good citizen of this country.
I pay my taxes each year.
I obey the laws.
I vote in each election.
I served honorably,as a Marine infantryman in Vietnam.
I donate blood fairly often.
I give to many charities.
I recycle.
I am faithful to my wife.
I raised my kids to be good, productive and honest citizens.

Now

Please do not try to tell me that a corporation is a citizen.

Comments provided by :
Sabetto, Nicholas

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Sang, Jillian

We need more protections against big money in our elections.

Comments provided by :
Sardellitto, Peter

This country was founded on the basis of the rights of the people, not the rights of big business. I.e., corporations at this moment in history. And multinational ones at that.

It is the duty of the government to uphold the rightness of our heritage and just practices in maintaining our democracy. Certainly, allowing large businesses to influence the elective process is not part of the democratic process and should be made public so that the source of the impact of these large business and personal contributions are transparent.

I would hope that the FEC would act to the benefit of the people and nation and not the benefit of special interest groups.

Sincerely,

Jill Sarkady

Comments provided by :
Sarkady, Jill

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
scarry, patrick

Now, more than ever corporations, billionaires and labor unions increasingly broadcast messages to influence my vote? yet without specifically informing who the sponsor source is at each impression. The current approach to influencing the electorate undermines our collective and individual ability to assess the context of such well-orchestrated messages, designed to gather in favor of the outcome they intend the electorate to abide by, as currently lent free-market reign by the deepest-pocket agenda's, but shy of for whom the sponsor intends the message to actually serve. How convenient for them, but how frustrating for the voter who is withheld this sometimes pivotal detail. The present rules, that do not require stating who the specific individual financial sponsors are on every message they purchased to spread, creates the message gap, begging the very question: "who does this message serve?" When pervasive distortions of reality cannot be trusted for the content of paid political messages by and of the current standards, the presumed standard that informed consent we individual citizens are expected to rely on to complete our ballots with the variety of choices given, we accept or reject candidates and propositions, without the sponsors of the "impressions" acknowledging their sponsorship of the stated claims. Without naming backers? whose agendas increasingly dominate what citizens' choices are outside the election weigh in, simply identifying the source sponsor for all privately paid political speech mentioned, can re-establish for the American voter, a clearer context for who is framing what, so to achieve the connective ends, we otherwise know so little about, when it comes to our general collective best interests, once those influencers have the elected official in place to further do their bidding. If this were not so, there would be no "K Street" to follow up on how the official is doing their bidding.

Not to make the above disclosures, at every purchased impression, leaves a direct means for deep-pocketed positions to inappropriately and exponentially increase blanketing the narrative to a point of rigging not only elections, but accumulatively-widening influence we see now mirrored in the gap between unprecedented wealth accumulation divide by 1/10th of 1 percent of this country's population, exacerbating further the gap of the "uneven playing field" dominion, whose impressions when repeated often enough, too often take on "a ring of" truth, without in reality, the agendas prepared to achieve any comparable public good to their investments in the influence to improve further their status, in what we call this arena of representative government, we'd like to claim for ourselves, as Americans.

So as seemingly invasive of someone's privacy to wield influence that sponsors one agenda or another via a candidate or a proposition; it appears to me that by knowing the source of each impression in every case; the scrutiny of the American electorate would do well as voters to note who is saying what, supposedly on our behalf, to more fully assess relative one-sidedness that deep-monied command of the narrative dominating political debate exercises as we once could rely upon the fourth estate, before it was fully-dominated by corporate-owned media is now, which all too easily veils their weight upon ongoing influence to frame the narrative they choose to promote or inhibit. For the purpose of electioneering purposes, please help overcome the effects of otherwise "hidden influence," that corrodes trust and facts into too narrow, blanketed misinformation, disinformation, and nothing less than government-sponsored, increasingly deep-pocket "propaganda," as if a rule set that legitimizes our elections.

Comments provided by :
Schmalz, Charles

Democracy demands disclosure and full openness!

There is no right to secrecy.

Democracy cannot survive with secret funding of political groups.

What are these dark money people hiding? What evil do they hide in the shadows?

I demand the government stop this madness and corruption!

Comments provided by :
Schmierer, Kyle

I am proud to display my name with my political contributions and any statements that I make. If anyone hides their identity it is wrong. So if corporations and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote they should be required to identify themselves, no matter what. Please require full disclosure of all funding sources for advocacy ads and elections.

Comments provided by :
Schmotzere, Michael

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Schreck, Richard

Hi Guys,

I am urging the FEC to stop special interests from hiding behind anonymous, unaccountable dark money groups. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Come on, do your job and help make elections honest again!

Lawrence Schuchart
schuchart@q.com

Comments provided by :
Schuchart, Lawrence

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Schuchman, David

Large money contributors are corrupting the election process and it must stop!

Comments provided by :
Simmons, John

The love of money is the root of all evil, pilgrim!

Comments provided by :
Simms, Jr., Herman S.

We are tired of OUR elected officials being sold to the highest bidder. Now, to make this situation of blatant bribery even MORE corrupt, we have "dark money," unaccountable shadow groups buying this democracy. IT STOPS NOW. We DEMAND a full accounting of who spends what on whom. WE want our freaking democracy BACK.

Comments provided by :
simonet, michael

Online political speech or speech of any other kind, in print or other traditional forms of media, ought not to be regulated at all.

ALL regulation of political speech, at any time, is a violation of the First Amendment. The state has no constitutional right to decide what kind of speech is suitable or not, nor does it have the right to force advertisers of political speech to disclose their source of funding.

In a free market of ideas, like in the free market of goods & services, the best ideas win.

ANY regulation of ideas or speech is censorship by the government which is explicitly forbidden in the US constitution.

Comments provided by :
Singh, Aman

I am writing to urge the FEC to require full disclosure of the names of individuals and corporations that are engaged in paying for political advertising through the use of political committees and candidate-unaffiliated groups whose names do not make clear who is actually paying for the ads.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Fred

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Jennifer

Please require disclosure of individuals or corporations with regard to political campaign contributions. Let our citizens know who exactly may be buying and selling our elected officials. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Lilinoe

It's time for complete TRANSPARENCY.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Velda

If billionaires, corporations, labor unions, and other organizations want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are.

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union, and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and communications re elections.

Comments provided by :
Snavelly, Marie

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to spend vast sums of money to broadcast messages to influence the outcomes of elections, they should be required to identify themselves. Please require full disclosure of the funding sources behind all advocacy ads and electioneering communications. We cannot have a democracy if hidden sources can have huge monetary megaphones that can pollute the airwaves with any message they choose, without regard to accuracy or veracity.

Comments provided by :
Spatz, Lawrence

I implore the FEC to enforce disclosure of all corporate and union funding of political advertising, campaign contributions, and gifts to candidates/politicians.

Comments provided by :
Stamas, Louis

How can we enforce and inspire democracy in countries around the world and send Americans to war to fight for democracy when we can not hold democratic elections in our own country? Democracy is one person, one vote. Democracy is not billions of dollars spent to control the election advertising media. The corporate dollars deployed to control the outcome at the polls is more than enough to finance health care, upgrades to our infrastructure, job development.

Thank you, Catherine Steele

Comments provided by :
Steele, Catherine

On the one hand, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations are people. On the other hand, never did they rule that people have the right to be anonymous when it comes to influencing the vote. I do not recall that being part of any verdict ever. Since when are anonymous arguments allowed to control our elections? Talk about opacity in government! Only since your body has chosen to allow it. You are just as complicit as the dark money interests and the most un-patriotic excuses for Americans I can think of. How do you manage to look at yourselves in the mirror? I know if I was allowing anyone including foreign entities to be involved in elections by masking their true identities, I would not consider myself patriotic and I would admit that I am nothing but a prostitute to money. But that would be me. I have scruples and am moral. You people are anything but moral to allow this country to be bought and sold like a commodity to the highest bidder. This country means much, much more than that to most Americans. My stepfather was a United States Air Force Colonel and received the Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam in 1968 while stationed at DaNang. He would be appalled and sickened to know that the country he fought for has turned into a country owned by the highest bidder. Thank God he isn't around to see the cowardice displayed by your commission since he died in 2005. I am repulsed by the actions of the FEC in this matter. Why don't you do something to right the wrong (and I do mean wrong, not just incorrect) that you have perpetrated on the American people. Forbid dark money. IMMEDIATELY!

Comments provided by :
Stroud, Patrick

We need to know who our politicians are being brought to us by.

Comments provided by :
Sullenberger, Nathan

I'm tired of seeing deceptive, often downright offensive "smear" advertising directed, in large part, against progressive candidates who advocate for poor and middle class Americans. These "toxic" messages are presented by phony "front groups" with wholesome-sounding names like "Americans for Prosperity" and "American Crossroads" funded by billionaires like the Koch brothers or Karl Rove. While I recognize these organizations for what they are, most Americans apparently don't, allowing these deceptive messages to influence them to vote against their own economic interests. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Swatos, William

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. It's common sense!!

Comments provided by :
Sweeny, Peter

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Talwar, Sahil

See that candidates that run for elections, run with clean money always, not dirty money, like their doing now in Campaigns across the Country.

Comments provided by :
Taylor, Robert

Take a step toward repairing our broken campaign finance system.

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :

Thayer, John R

If money is speech, my voice is being drowned out by those who can afford to amplify their opinions, simply because they have more money than I do.

When the rights and opinions of millions of Americans are trumped by a tiny minority of rich people, fairness vanishes and oligarchy becomes reality.

Government is supposed to be of the people, by the people, and for the people -- not be bought, sold and restricted to the highest bidders.

Please restore real democracy.

Please repeal "Citizens United" before it destroys our country.

Comments provided by :

Thayer, Mostyn

If corporations are allowed to contribute large sums of money to political campaigns, they should be required to disclose their identities. Please require full disclosure of corporate and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads.

Comments provided by :
Thomas, Robert

Our democracy requires an honest and representative congress that will act in the best interest of the citizens who elected them. Secret donations to members of congress will corrupt the entire process and the citizens will not be given consideration in such a system. Special interest groups and wealthy individuals should not have any greater influence than any individual citizen.

Comments provided by :
Thomson, Robert

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Troth, Tracy S

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
tuch, christopher

Please require full disclosure of funding sources behind advocacy adds in elecioneering communications.

Comments provided by :

TURNER, MARY

I am concerned that corporations and non-citizens have more influence over the outcome of elections in our nation than I do - FYI: I am a tax-paying, living citizen - a 20 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, with a constitutionally endowed right to vote and equal representation by my elected representatives.

How can anyone say that I receive equal representation when I must compete with entities (corporations and non-citizens) who are not entitled to like representation? The constitution does not offer them this right. Yet they are allowed to influence the elections of these representatives. As more money is pumped into our election campaigns by corporations and non-citizens, those who are entitled to equal representation find themselves dis-enfranchised and deprived of their rights.

I am concerned that corporations (some foreign owned and operated) and non-citizens, who have no rights to vote, have more influence over the outcome of elections than my vote.

I am concerned that the ability to pay for influence in the forms of advertisement, air time, and political influence is dependent upon one thing and one thing only - Money!

Why are non-citizens, non-voting entities and non-living entities entitled to paid representation by my elected officials?

I was under the impression that these elected officials were supposed to represent my interests as a citizen of this nation.

What is the FEC's role in helping to ensure the rights of American people? Does the FEC care about undue influence in elections? Does the FEC have any role in protecting the rights of those who are guaranteed the right to vote?

Why isn't the FEC demanding to know who is paying for the political campaigns, advertisements and donations which affect the outcome of elections in America? Our elections, our representatives are being elected by those who can afford the best advertisements, those who can afford the most airtime, those who get the most money from 'donors'. I would submit that corporations and non-citizens have no rights to representation by elected officials, and therefore no right to contribute towards the elections of those representatives.

Please do what you can to ensure fair elections for the citizens of our nation. Please make meaningful changes which prohibit influence by corporations and non-citizens.

Comments provided by :
Vaessen, Robert

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Vaill, Gragg

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
vega, juan

A successful democracy is transparent.

Comments provided by :
Vilabrera, Michael

It's my understanding, if a to be elected person, takes money from sponsors to finance his/her campaign there will be a special relation between the two. I want to know to whose fiddle my representative is obliged to dance.

Comments provided by :
Wagner, Gerid H

If corporations and other institutions, and wealthy individuals, wish to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to identify themselves in their advertisements.

Please require full disclosure of individual and institutional sources behind express advocacy advertisements and electioneering communications.

Thank you.

--Christopher Walker

Comments provided by :
Walker, Christopher

Citizens have the right to know the identities of individuals attempting to influence their votes. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Watson Ross, Chrysm

Transparency is essential to democracy. "Dark money" equals an irresistible temptation to commit what amounts to fraud.

Comments provided by :
Weber, David

Special interests should not be able to fund special interest groups anonymously. When this occurs they become unaccountable, which would not pose a problem within the private arena, but once their actions effect/influence affairs in the public arena these actions must be subjected to full scrutiny. To permit this current state of affairs is anti-democratic and must be changed by law and if not then derailed by fiat.

Comments provided by :

Weis, Joe

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
WELLS, HARLON

How am I supposed to make an informed judgment about the integrity of the message if I don't know who is funding it? The public needs disclosure of this information.

Comments provided by :
West, Jeanette

If money equals speech, and speech is free. Our laws should require we know who's speaking -- who's spending the money on ads and election campaigns. If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
West, Meredith

Please do not allow special interest groups to hide behind dark money. All political campaigns must disclose who their donors are.

Comments provided by :
Wicht, Dan

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
williams, norris

"Sunshine is the best disinfectant," and transparency in our political campaigns is essential to sorting out the various interest groups that want to influence our votes. When I query Google, for example, and pages of responses appear, I don't just take the first one; or the biggest; or the prettiest. I examine those responses to see WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM in order to rank them according to trustworthiness. If they have a conflict of interest, if they have no expertise, if they are shallow or mischievous, then they cannot reliably answer my question or even hold my interest. Elections are the same. I want to know where this information is coming from before I believe it.

Recent (and questionable) changes to our elections has made the vetting of political ads almost impossible, and as their claims range to the downright outrageous, I wonder if those ads would be fielded at all if we knew who was responsible for their content.

If they cannot come out of the bushes and admit who they are, then they have no business putting misleading and deceptive claims on the airwaves and TV. Honest commentators have no problem telling you who they are. It's the scalawags who work in secret, in the dark. Clean up these campaign ads by demanding the identity of those who are paying for them.

Comments provided by :
Williams, Susan

WE THE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS FUNNELING THE MONUMENTAL FUNDS INTO OUR ELECTION PROCESSSS.....LARGE CORPORATIONS ETC SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FUND ANY PARTY OR CANDIDATE

Comments provided by :
WILSON SR, ROBERT G

Honest and fair elections can only occur when everyone takes responsibility for their own involvement in advocacy for the candidates and proposed legislation. Those with the ability to donate large sums of money in support of candidates and issues should be required to identify who they are and what they stand for. Do we really want fair elections ? Then we must insist on requiring full disclosure. Why even have elections if they can be bought.
Thank you, Jim Wilson

Comments provided by :
Wilson, James

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are & identify themselves. I request that you require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind any express advocacy ads, and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
wolf, todd

I urge you to demand transparency in financing political ads. The entities, be they corporations, billionaires or labor unions, should identify who is paying for the ad, if they want to broadcast messages to influence my vote.

Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Wolgin, Mark

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. "Information" presented without context can be misleading, essentially hijacking my vote. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications.

Comments provided by :
Woodall, Sandra

The thought that our democracy is being bought by billionaire ideologues and other unknown entities is horrifying and should be illegal. The Supreme Court first giving corporations the same rights as a natural person is ludicrous, but equating money as free speech is equally ridiculous.

Comments provided by :
Worthing, Allan

non-disclosure of campaign contributions is really undemocratic and undermines trust and fairness. What have those who do so to hide? It discloses a motive to keep the unfair balance of the few wealthy to maintain power excluding those who are not so fortunate.

Comments provided by :
Wynroth, Barbara

If corporations, billionaires and labor unions want to broadcast messages to influence my vote, they should be required to say who they are. Please require full disclosure of corporate, union and wealthy funding sources behind express advocacy ads and electioneering communications. Our democracy hangs in the balance.

Comments provided by :
Young, Derek

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Comments provided by :
Zaccagnino, David

Please consider the issue at hand - to require the disclosure of the identities of corporations and other groups behind the dark money campaigns corrupting our elections.

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Zoland, James

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Comments provided by :
Zupp, Adrian