

August 21, 2018

Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

We write to endorse the Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act, your comprehensive legislation to eliminate the influence of money in our federal government, and to ensure that Washington works for working families.

Our democracy is under threat – a threat that has been growing since long before the 2016 Presidential election. Corporations and the wealthy routinely leverage their money and power to hijack our government and stack the deck in their favor, leaving American families to suffer the consequences. Year after year, the American people see a government that works extremely well for wealthy individuals and corporations and yet ignores the pressing needs, problems, and concerns of hard working families.

Public service is a trust, yet today too many top officials routinely abuse that trust by leveraging their government service and connections for their own benefit or the benefit of the individuals and companies they're supposed to police. And every day, Washington proves who it really works for: the revolving door between industry and Washington allows giant corporations to ensure that policymakers are their allies; corporate lobbyists write our laws and policies; wealthy industries capture our courts and warp our regulatory process to scuttle, weaken, and even kill rules that protect consumers, our environment, and working families; there is little accountability for gross ethical violations and conflicts of interests; and much of this happens behind closed doors, outside the scrutiny of the public eye.

It is time for Congress to do what the American people are demanding and take bold and aggressive action to strengthen the integrity of the federal government and build a democracy that works for everyone. Our current system of anti-corruption laws is wholly inadequate for the challenges our democracy faces today. We need comprehensive and structural reforms to rebalance power in Washington, to empower everyday Americans, and to create meaningful and enforceable public ethics standards.

The Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act is a bold and comprehensive set of policy solutions that would fundamentally change the way Washington works, and we are proud to endorse it. We of course support campaign finance reforms to reduce the influence of money in electing candidates to federal office, but as crucial as they are, we know those reforms alone will be insufficient. America also needs the Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act to address the broad, corrupting influence of corporations over federal government policymaking.

The American people deserve a democracy that lives up to the promise of our founding documents—a government of the people, by the people, for the people. It's long past time for Congress to act like it and pass this bill.

Sincerely,

**Organizations:**

20/20 Vision

AFL-CIO

American Family Voices

American Federation of Teachers

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Campaign for Accountability

Center for Common Ground

Center for Emergent Diplomacy

Citizens' Environmental Coalition

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington

Communications Workers of America (CWA)

Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG)

Consumer Action

Daily Kos

Demand Progress Action

Democracy 21

Empire State Consumer Project, Inc.

End Citizens United

Endangered Species Coalition

Every Voice

Franciscan Action Network

Free Press Action

Government Accountability Project

Government Information Watch

Greenpeace

Indivisible

International Corporate Accountability Roundtable

Jobs to Move America

League of Women Voters of the United States

Legit Action

National Center for Health Research (NCHR)

National Employment Lawyers Association

Newground Social Investment

Open the Government

Orion Partners

People Demanding Action

Progressive Change Campaign Committee

Public Citizen

Revolving Door Project

SAFER -- A Committee of Economists and other Experts for Stable, Accountable, Fair and  
Efficient Financial Reform

Sciencecorps

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Sunlight Foundation

Woodstock Institute

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