

What Supporters Are Saying About the *Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act*

“Since the 2010 Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United*, foreign nationals and foreign businesses have been virtually unchecked in their ability to funnel money through American companies to influence the outcome of elections in the United States,” **said Debra Perlin, Vice President of Policy for Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW).** “Now more than ever it is time that we protect our democracy and ensure that foreign individuals and interests stay out of elections. CREW is proud to endorse the Get Foreign Money out of U.S. Elections Act, which would help close a particularly troubling loophole created by *Citizens United* and ensure that American elections aren't influenced by foreign interests.”

“The Center for American Progress strongly endorses the *Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act*, which would close a dangerous loophole opened by *Citizens United* and prohibit political spending by foreign-influenced U.S. corporations,” **said Ben Olinsky, Senior Vice President of Structural Reform and Governance for the Center for American Progress.** “Now more than ever, innovative reforms are needed to protect the right of Americans to chart the nation’s future, including by stopping foreign entities from indirectly pumping enormous sums of money into our elections. In the face of an administration that is allowing rampant corruption and seems intent on subverting election results, this bold legislation will help ensure that the people can ultimately hold their government officials accountable.”

“As investors dedicated to a strong American economy and strong American democracy, Blue Haven Initiative supports the Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act,” **said Ian Simmons of Blue Haven Initiative.** “This bill is critical to ensuring that companies backed by foreign investors overseas are not electioneering in the United States. If a corporation’s CEO is accountable to overseas foreign investors, the corporation should not be allowed to write checks to American politicians or ballot initiatives. Stopping foreign money in U.S. elections is crucial for effective self-governance including fiscal accountability and national security.”

“Foreign money has no place in our elections. It threatens the integrity of our democracy and poses a major national security risk,” **Tiffany Muller, President of End Citizens United Action Fund.** “*The Get Foreign Money Out of US Elections Act* would close this dangerous loophole and ensure that our elections are decided by American voters, not foreign special interests. We thank Senator Whitehouse and Representative Raskin for their continued leadership on this critical issue, and we’re proud to support this legislation.”

“The Get Foreign Money Out of US Elections Act puts our democracy back into the hands of the people where it belongs,” **said Alexandra Flores-Quilty, Campaign Director, Free Speech For People.** “Free Speech For People has been proud to work with our partners for years advancing this critical reform across the country to block foreign influence of our elections. Thank you, Representative Raskin and Senator Whitehouse for taking bold action to protect American self-government by keeping foreign investors out.”

“Americans are sick of corporate money flooding our elections and drowning out their voices,” **said Abigail Bellows, Senior Policy Director for Anti-Corruption & Accountability at Common Cause.** “The *Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act* closes campaign finance loopholes multi-national corporations exploit to unfairly influence our elections. This bill is a step towards putting power back in the hands of the American people where it belongs.”

“A giant loophole in our tattered campaign finance rules lets foreign-owned corporations grease politicians’ pockets by sneaking money into our elections through their U.S. subsidiaries,” **said Jon Golinger, Democracy Advocate with Public Citizen.**

“Congressman Raskin’s ‘Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act’ will slam that foreign-corporation election spending backdoor shut. We urge Congress to pass the Raskin bill, kick the foreign corporate money out and put the American people back in charge of our elections.”