

## **What Supporters are Saying about the *Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act***

### **Ben Olinsky, Senior Vice President for Structural Reform and Governance, Center for American Progress:**

“The Center for American Progress strongly endorses this bicameral legislation to close a dangerous loophole opened by *Citizens United* and prohibit political spending by foreign-influenced U.S. corporations. CAP has advocated for this policy for many years, and momentum for its passage is growing nationwide. With democracy under attack from all angles, we applaud the leadership of Rep. Raskin, Sen. Whitehouse, and the cosponsors of this common-sense legislation, which will help protect self-government and the right of everyday Americans to chart the future of our country.”

### **Tiffany Muller, President, End Citizens United / Let America Vote Action Fund:**

“Foreign money in our elections undermines the integrity of our elections and poses a major national security risk. The *Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act* is a long-overdue and commonsense legislation that will close this dangerous loophole and ensure our elections remain free from undue foreign influence. We thank Senator Whitehouse and Congressman Raskin for their continued leadership on getting Big Money out of politics and rooting out corruption in government.”

### **Aaron Scherb, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, Common Cause:**

“Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our voices and our votes, and foreign-influenced corporations should have zero role in determining American elections. The *Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act* would help ensure that hostile foreign actors cannot influence our elections by spending general treasury funds to drown out the voices of American voters. We commend Congressman Raskin and Senator Whitehouse for introducing this common-sense legislation and urge Congress to quickly pass it.”

### **Jon Golinger, Democracy Advocate, Public Citizen:**

“We The People. The first three words of the Constitution declared that the United States of America would be a self-governing nation, run by its own people, freed from the destructive influence of foreign powers. Unfortunately, massive loopholes in our campaign finance system have permitted foreign-owned corporations to shape American politics and policy by funneling mountains of money into our elections through their U.S. subsidiaries. We need to pass Congressman Raskin’s ‘*Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act*’ to close those legal loopholes, stop foreign spending on our elections, and put We The People back in charge.”

### **Alexandra Flores-QUILTY, Campaign Director, Free Speech For People:**

“The *Get Foreign Money Out of US Elections Act* puts our democracy back into the hands of the people where it belongs. 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.”

### **Debra Perlin, Policy Director, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics (CREW):**

“Over the past several years, we have begun to understand the full extent of the threat posed by foreign authoritarian governments funneling illicit cash through shell companies and opaque nonprofit entities into American politics and elections. Although foreign nationals are prohibited

from donating to any federal, state, or local election by federal law, foreign investors skirt this requirement by funneling cash into our elections through U.S. corporations. Rep. Raskin and Senator Whitehouse's Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act would close this campaign finance loophole by prohibiting U.S. corporations who have substantial foreign investors from donating to U.S. elections. We urge Congress to pass this bill swiftly and close off this vector for potential corruption and authoritarian influence.”

**Ian Simmons, Co-Founder and Principal, Blue Haven Initiative:**

“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. 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.”