



July 15, 2022

Chairwoman Klobuchar and Ranking Member Blunt,

We write in strong support of the DISCLOSE Act (S. 443), legislation that will help end dark money and ensure voters know who's trying to influence their elections.

The bill would stop anonymous spending in our elections by requiring entities trying to influence our elections to disclose their largest political donors and would require disclosure of major donors who underwrite advertisements supporting or attacking judicial nominees.

Poll after poll has shown that Americans across the political spectrum support legislation to bring more transparency and accountability to politics. In Maine, voters in 2015 strongly supported a ballot initiative that increased disclosure requirements for state campaigns.

Voters have a right to know who is trying to influence our views and our elected representatives. However, in the current, out-of-balance system, wealthy special interests and big-money donors hold too much power, and they use political loopholes to hide their spending on lobbying, elections, and judicial nominations. This secrecy weakens voters' trust in our democracy.

We urge the Senate to take up and pass the DISCLOSE Act as soon as possible to ensure Americans know exactly who's trying to influence their vote.

Sincerely,

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Maine Citizens for Clean Elections Action

Jill Ward  
President  
League of Women Voters of Maine

Cc: All Members of the Senate Rules Committee