

Until the Supreme Court's egregious Citizens United ruling which allows corporations to indirectly buy our elections through political advertising is overturned and our campaign finance system fixed we must have transparency. Corporations are not people only natural persons are people. Congress should have the constitutional power to pass campaign finance reforms that enable spending limits to be placed on organizations running political ads. Until such time though that they can do so they must at the very least require financial disclosure of who's trying to influence our elections. Since the Citizens United ruling was made we have seen a massive wave of new corporate spending to influence elections. We have witnessed new rounds of voter suppression tactics by the far right and attempts to break up labor unions. The far right wants to not only dismantle protections enacted for workers thanks to organized labor but wants to destroy organized labor in the country. They see collective bargaining rights as a privilege earned that can be taken away and feel threatened by labor unions as they typically support the Democratic Party. We will not allow plutocrats and financial oligarchs to run this country. The economic elite of the United States is through legalized bribery tilting the balance of power against the people of the country. Giant corporations are trying to bring back the Gilded Age when corporations were free to discriminate against their own workers and against consumers as they please. A time before antitrust laws meant to protect the free and open market from monopolies. They keep decrying government regulation as harmful to the free market but a market isn't free when competition is limited. If Congress does not pass the DISCLOSE Act and do so without the NRA loophole the FCC should intervene and require broadcasters disclose their political files online via a website established by the FCC.