People Over Power Coalition

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS OF SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER

Dear affluent individual donors, corporations, associations, and political action committees:

We are contacting you directly because your financial involvement in American politics is increasingly becoming a subject of public scrutiny. Information concerning your political contributions, lobbying activities, and efforts to influence public policy is circulating widely across social media. Americans are increasingly aware of where your money is going, which policies your organizations are lobbying for or against, and how these activities affect their economic circumstances, democratic representation, and overall quality of life.

We, the undersigned, are putting you on notice and calling upon you to take the following actions:

1. **Publicly call upon Senator Chuck Schumer to step down from his Senate leadership position, acknowledge the extent to which corporate political contributions have tarnished public trust in his leadership, and endorse Senator Chris Van Hollen for Senate leadership.**
2. **Immediately cease lobbying against legislation and policies that Americans voted for and that their elected representatives promised to pursue.**

   The long-term prosperity of your businesses depends upon a financially healthy middle class with sufficient purchasing power to afford your products and services. By lobbying against policies intended to improve the economic circumstances of the American people, you are undermining the very economic foundation upon which your businesses depend.

   We believe that the continued prioritization of corporate financial interests over the democratic will and economic welfare of the American people has contributed to crises in housing affordability, healthcare accessibility, financial security, and public confidence in our democratic institutions.

3. **End your financial involvement in American politics altogether.** This means ending contributions benefiting both Democratic and Republican politicians, whether made directly or through political action committees, Super PACs, joint fundraising committees, or other intermediaries, rather than redirecting them toward another candidate or political party.

The outcomes of the 2026 midterm elections, in which numerous candidates backed by substantial spending from wealthy donors nevertheless suffered electoral defeats, demonstrate that financial resources do not guarantee electoral success. Alongside the growing public scrutiny surrounding organizations such as AIPAC, these outcomes should serve as a warning to institutions whose political spending has become synonymous with financial influence over elected officials: the public is increasingly aware of and opposed to the role of concentrated wealth in our political system.

As consumers, we have the right to determine where we spend our money. We are prepared to exercise that right by boycotting the products and services of corporations and institutions that continue to finance political influence at the expense of the policies, interests, and quality of life of the American people.

The American people should not have to compete financially with corporations for the representation they are constitutionally entitled to. We demand democratic representation, not a different set of financial interests controlling it.

The Undersigned:

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