

Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act

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Washington reeks of corruption, and this problem is far bigger than President Donald Trump. For decades, corruption has seeped into the fabric of our government, tilting thousands of decisions away from the public good and toward the desires of those at the top. And, over time, like acid eating away at our democracy, corruption has eroded Americans' faith in our government. The Pew Research Center's most recent polling on public trust in government found that [only 18% of Americans can say they trust their government to do the right thing](#). This is a crisis. It's going to take big, bold reforms to root out corruption in our government and make Washington work for the people again.

The *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act* is a sweeping, comprehensive set of policy solutions to fundamentally change the way Washington operates - eliminating the dominance of money in federal decisions and making sure our government once again works for American families.

The *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act* would:

- **Padlock the Revolving Door and Increase Public Integrity** by eliminating both the appearance and the potential for financial conflicts of interest; banning Members of Congress, cabinet secretaries, federal judges, and other senior government officials from owning and trading individual stock; locking the government-to-lobbying revolving door; and eliminating "golden parachutes".
- **End Lobbying as We Know It** by exposing all influence-peddling in Washington; banning foreign lobbying; banning lobbyists from donating to candidates and Members of Congress; strengthening congressional independence from lobbyists; and instituting a *lifetime ban* on lobbying by former Members of Congress, Presidents, and agency heads.
- **End Corporate Capture of Public Interest Rules** by requiring disclosure of funding or editorial conflicts of interest in rulemaking comments and studies; closing loopholes corporations exploit to tilt the rules in their favor and against the public interest; protecting agencies from corporate capture; establishing a new Office of Public Advocate to advocate for the public interest in the rulemaking process; and giving agencies the tools to implement strong rules that protect the public.
- **Improve Judicial Integrity and Defend Access to Justice for All Americans** by enhancing the integrity of the judicial branch; requiring the Supreme Court follow the ethics rules for all other federal judges; boosting the transparency of federal appellate courts through livestreaming audio of proceedings; and encouraging diversity on the federal bench.
- **Strengthen Enforcement of Anti-Corruption, Ethics, and Public Integrity Laws** by creating a new, independent anti-corruption agency dedicated to enforcing federal ethics laws and by expanding an independent and empowered Congressional ethics office insulated from Congressional politics.
- **Boost Transparency in Government and Fix Federal Open Records Laws** by requiring elected officials and candidates for federal office to disclose more financial and tax information; increasing disclosure of corporate money behind Washington lobbying; closing loopholes in federal open records laws; making federal contractors – including private prisons and immigration detention centers – comply with federal open records laws; and making Congress more transparent.

The *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act* is endorsed by a diverse array of organizations, including the Government Accountability Project, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, League of Women Voters of the United States, Every Voice, AFL-CIO, American Federation of Teachers, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Public Citizen, Open the Government, Revolving Door Project, People Demanding Action, Campaign for Accountability, Demand Progress Action, Sunlight Foundation, Endangered Species Coalition, Democracy 21, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, and Progressive Change Campaign Committee.