

The Honorable Charles Schumer
The Honorable Dick Durbin
The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
The Honorable Mark Warner
The Honorable Bernie Sanders
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
The Honorable Joe Manchin
The Honorable Amy Klobuchar

U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators,

Donald Trump ran on "draining the swamp" of corruption in Washington, DC. Yet, as president, he is working to install a revolving-door government run by representatives of the big businesses our government is supposed to be regulating.

The need for public minded watchdogs has never been greater.

As members of Senate Leadership, you know well that Senate Democrats will have numerous opportunities to choose for nomination members of a diverse collection of independent agencies. From the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to key Wall Street regulators like the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), there is a long list of key agencies to which Democrats must be appointed.

The American people want and deserve voices on these Commissions independent of excessive corporate influence. They need proven fighters in the mold of Kara Stein, Richard Cordray, and Gary Gensler.

Now more than ever, Democrats need to push for commissioner nominees that are of unimpeachable independence. A demonstrated commitment to regulation in the public interest must be paramount. It is critical that these nominees have the ability to shine a bright, public light of scrutiny on misguided deregulation designed to enhance corporate profits at the expense of public safety and well-being.

The undersigned organizations write to indicate that they are following these issues closely.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO
Allied Progress
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Citizens' Environmental Coalition
Color of Change
Consumer Action
CREDO Action
Daily Kos
Demand Progress
Democracy for America
Economic Policy Institute Policy Center
Every Voice

EveryLibrary
Fight for the Future
Forward Together
Friends of the Earth
Greenpeace
International Corporate Accountability
Roundtable
MoveOn Civic Action
National Digital Inclusion Alliance
OpenMedia
Other 98%
Our Revolution
People Demanding Action
Presente
Protect All Children's Environment
Public Citizen
Public Knowledge
Represent.Us
Roosevelt Institute
RootsAction.org
The Revolving Door Project
United Church of Christ, OC Inc.
Woodstock Institute
WV Citizen Action Group