

**The Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC)
Endorses Legislation Such As The DISCLOSE Act to
Maximize Transparency in Corporate Spending to Influence Elections
and to Protect US Elections From Foreign Interests**

Whereas, nothing prevents corporations from employing foreign nationals as their decision-makers or positioning foreign nationals on their governing boards, and while the interests of these foreign nationals may, thereby, be aligned with their corporate employer, they are not necessarily aligned with the interests of the United States of America; and empowering corporations governed and/or influenced by foreign nationals to spend unrestrained funds on federal elections creates a potential for foreign interests to heavily influence US elections, and poses a national security threat; and

Whereas, the political advertisements motivated by the interests of corporations governed and/or influenced by foreign nationals are not necessarily aligned with the interests of the American voters; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the citizens of the United States to know the source of political advertising in order to be able to assess the interests and motivations behind the opinions expressed in campaign advocacy; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court decided 8-1 in Citizens United v. FEC that anonymity is not a right enjoyed by corporations spending money to influence elections; and

Whereas, Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Chris Van Hollen have introduced legislation, S.3295 and H.R.5175, the DISCLOSE Act (Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections). that establishes transparency requirements so that stockholders will know how their money is spent, the public will know the source of political advertising, and US elections will be insulated from foreign interests.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee(FCDC) unanimously endorses legislation, such as S.3295 and H.R.5175, that maximizes transparency and protects US elections from foreign interests; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved that the FCDC urges every Democratic member of the Virginia delegation to Congress to actively support legislation such as S.3295 and H.R.5175.