

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