

League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn
Defend Democracy Issue & Action: Support the DISCLOSE Act

LWVUS Statement:

On 2/17/23 the LWV issued a press release supporting the reintroduction of the DISCLOSE ACT¹:

“The League has supported the DISCLOSE Act for more than a decade because the American people deserve transparency in our election process. We are pleased to see the legislation reintroduced in this Congress.

“Voters have the right to know who is trying to influence their votes. The wealthiest political donors should not be able to influence our politics in secret. The DISCLOSE Act accomplishes this fundamental purpose by requiring expenditures and donations of \$10,000 and above to be reported. When large campaign contributions are made, we believe they must be done so with transparency.

“We thank Representative Cicilline and Senator Whitehouse for their continued leadership to move this legislation forward, and we hope that this time the legislation will make it across the finish line.

“Transparency is the baseline requirement for a healthy democracy. We call on Congress to pass the DISCLOSE Act to combat the influence of money in politics. “

The DISCLOSE Act will²:

- Return power to the people. Corporations and wealthy individuals should not have the power to make undisclosed political contributions that influence elections.
- Ensure transparency by requiring that voters have critical information about who is spending money in our federal elections.
- Root out dark money that has an increasing influence on our federal election.
- Preserve the integrity of the electoral process by disclosure of all spending in elections, whether by corporations, unions, individuals or any other group(s).

Take Action Today to Support the DISCLOSE Act:

1. Sign the LWVUS Action Alert here: <https://www.lwv.org/take-action/take-action-root-out-dark-money-0>
2. Contact your US Senators and Representative and tell them you support the DISCLOSE Act. Find your representative here: <https://www.lwv.org/take-action/find-your-elected-officials>

¹ <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-supports-reintroduction-disclose-act>

² <https://www.lwv.org/take-action/take-action-root-out-dark-money-0>