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Government Integrity & Anti-Corruption Plan

Americans deserve to know that their public officials are working in the public interest. But aspects of our political system undermine government integrity and sow distrust.

The outsize influence of dark money, corporations, and special interests in our elections and our politics undermines our democracy. The politician-to-lobbyist pipeline and the private financial interests of public officials and their families create real and perceived conflicts of interest. Foreign entities interfere in federal and state elections, including ballot initiatives.

Each item below represents legislation I have introduced or co-sponsored in the 118th Congress. My plan restores integrity to government, fights corruption, increases transparency, and reduces the role of foreign entities, corporations and dark money in politics.

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Service for The People, Not for Profit

Most officials get into public service for the right reasons. But in the end, too many leverage that service for their own benefit. My plan limits time in office and establishes guardrails to ensure service is about the people — not profits.

Lifetime Ban on Lobbying by Members of Congress

End the current waiting period for former members of Congress to work as a federal lobbyist and ban the practice altogether.

Term Limits Amendment to the US Constitution

Limit the number of terms members of Congress can serve — three terms for the House and two terms for the Senate.

Congressional and Executive Foreign Lobbying Ban

Ban retired members of Congress, senior executive branch officials, and high-ranking service members from lobbying for foreign interests.

Other Legislation

- **TRUST in Congress Act:** Prohibit members of Congress, their spouses, and their dependent children from owning or trading stocks while in office, except through a qualified blind trust.
- **Stop Foreign Payoffs Act:** Bar public officials and their close family members from investing in or receiving a salary from foreign businesses as long as the public official is in office. Applies to members of Congress, presidents, vice presidents, and Cabinet secretaries.
- **No CORRUPTION Act:** Eliminate pension payments for members of Congress who have been convicted of felonies or various offenses related to their work in office.

More Transparency, Less Foreign Influence in Our Elections

Political campaigns should be transparent and free from foreign interference. My plan strengthens disclosure in political ads and campaign finance and gets foreign money out of politics.

Block Foreign-Funded Ads

Prevent foreign nationals, governments and organizations from funding political ads, including on social media and other online platforms.

Consistent Political Ad Labels

Require social media companies to make political ad labels "sticky," so that disclosures appear on paid content no matter how it is shared or spread.

Fighting Foreign Influence

Make tax-exempt organizations publicly disclose large gifts from foreign political parties and require campaigns to verify online donors have a US-based address.

Other Legislation

- **Stop Foreign Funds in Elections Act:** Prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in American elections.
- **Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections (DISCLOSE) Act:** Fight Dark Money by requiring all organizations that spend money on elections to disclose major donors every election cycle.
- **Keeping Foreign Money out of Ballot Measures Act:** Prohibit foreign nationals from making political contributions or donations to state ballot measures and initiatives.

Ending Citizens United and Getting Money out of Politics

Maine has been a leader in cleaning up our election laws. It's time for Washington to catch up. My plan ends corporate power over our elections and puts tough new limits on Dark Money groups.

Crack Down on Dark Money Act

Limit political activity by 501(c)(4) nonprofits — the favored vehicle for mega-donors to pour undisclosed money into politics — to no more than 10 percent of their spending and require they disclose donors of $5,000 or more if they spend on elections.

Democracy for All Constitutional Amendment

Overturn *Citizens United* decision, distinguishing between corporations and real people, and limiting corporate spending in elections. The amendment would also enact federal public campaign financing — just like we have in Maine.

Ban Corporate PACS Act

Block for-profit corporations from influencing campaigns and elections by banning them from sponsoring, operating, or funding Political Action Committees.