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Mr. Eugene B. Meyer
President
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Dear Mr. Meyer,

As you know, I have long championed funding disclosure measures that would bring transparency to dark-money spending on both sides of the aisle. At this week's hearing of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action and Federal Rights, my Republican colleagues worked very hard to draw equivalency between dark-money political influence by groups like yours and the work of anonymously funded left-leaning groups.

At the hearing, my Republican colleague Senator Cruz pressed Mr. Jealous for a commitment that People For The American Way would disclose its top five funders. Mr. Jealous readily obliged. Mr. Jealous and other majority witnesses at the hearing also reaffirmed their commitment to disclosure reforms, such as my DISCLOSE Act and Judicial DISLCOSE Act.

In the spirit of equivalence advanced by Senator Cruz and others, and in the interest of mutual transparency, this letter requests that you provide the same disclosure that People For The American Way agreed at our hearing to provide; to wit, to identify to the committee your five largest contributors, or in Senator Cruz's language, your "five top donors." If you can deliver this information to us by April 1, 2021, that would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator

CC: Ranking Member John Kennedy