

Increasing numbers of political candidates have renounced corporate PAC donations



Although direct corporate PAC donations account for a relatively small amount of candidate fundraising, the act of renouncing the contributions carries a large symbolic weight



Groups like End Citizens United and the Justice Democrats have pledged Democrats to reject the donations

“We’re all supposed to have an equal vote, but money has now really tipped the balance between an individual having equal power in an election to a corporation.”

– **Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA),
announcing her rejection of corporate PAC donations**

170 total candidates have signed End Citizen United’s pledge to reject corporate PAC donations

68 of those candidates have won their primaries

29 of those candidates are running in districts designated as “Red to Blue” targets by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

20 Democrats running in competitive districts outraised their GOP opponents last quarter despite signing the pledge

Cisneros, Rouda and Wallace overcame fundraising deficits by self-funding their campaigns

District	Democrat	D Raised Q2 2018	Republican	R Raised Q2 2018
CA-25	Hill	\$1,321,924	Knight	\$442,789
CA-39	Cisneros	\$2,998,418	Kim	\$677,416
CA-45	Porter	\$1,052,904	Walters	\$704,228
CA-48	Rouda	\$1,402,741	Rohrabacher	\$294,050
CA-49	Levin	\$1,049,130	Harkey	\$389,548
CO-06	Crow	\$1,005,358	Coffman	\$631,905
IA-03	Axne	\$657,506	Young	\$538,968
ME-02	Golden	\$560,985	Poliquin	\$559,009
MI-08	Slotkin	\$1,151,612	Bishop	\$588,759
NC-13	Manning	\$748,871	Budd	\$373,700
NJ-03	Kim	\$1,037,317	MacArthur	\$578,068
NJ-07	Malinowski	\$1,308,186	Lance	\$434,097
NY-11	Rose	\$719,435	Donovan	\$637,603
NY-19	Delgado	\$809,105	Faso	\$652,581
OH-01	Pureval	\$907,169	Chabot	\$355,325
OH-12	O'Connor	\$714,859	Balderson	\$681,460
PA-01	Wallace	\$4,285,497	Fitzpatrick	\$532,528
PA-07	Wild	\$873,187	Nothstein	\$239,654
PA-17	Lamb	\$902,422	Rothfus	\$691,323
TX-23	Ortiz Jones	\$1,231,172	Hurd	\$683,739

Sources: End Citizens United; National Journal Research, 2018