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Dear Member of Congress,

As an elected official, ***we're asking you to help lead the effort to root out corporate corruption in politics by endorsing the "Fight Washington Corruption" Pledge.***

The undue influence of lobbyists and big corporations is crippling our democracy. For example, Big Oil and Wall Street have each spent millions of dollars buying influence, and rigging the system to protect their bottom line. Now all of us are paying the price.

Confronting the economic crisis, getting a real clean-energy policy, putting America back to work—all of these things will be an uphill battle until we take on the influence of lobbyists and root out corporate corruption of our democracy.

That's why citizens and groups across America have come together under the banner of The Other 98%—a new movement to make democracy work for the 98% of Americans who don't have corporate lobbyists in Washington, DC.

More than 400,000 people have endorsed the pledge to date.

We now call on you and all our elected representatives to sign the Fight Washington Corruption Pledge, which has three planks:

- **Overturn Citizens United:** Amend the Constitution to protect America from unlimited corporate spending on our elections by overturning the Supreme Court's decision giving corporations the same First Amendment rights as people.
- **Fair elections now:** Pass the Fair Elections Now Act, providing public financing to candidates who are supported by small donors so they can compete with corporate-backed and self-funded candidates.
- **Lobbyist Reform Act:** Pass legislation to end the overwhelming influence of corporate lobbyists by: prohibiting individuals from switching from corporate lobbying to government service, or vice-versa, within a 5-year period; stopping corporate lobbyists from giving gifts and providing free travel to government officials; and posting online the attendees and content of all meetings between lobbyists and government officials.

To sign this pledge, please email 98pledge@moveon.org and indicate your support. You can also go to FightWashingtonCorruption.org for more information. We hope to hear that you are standing with us to fight corporate corruption.

Respectfully,

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