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The Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Chairman  
The Hon. Doug Collins, Ranking Member  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
2138 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## **Public Citizen Statement for the Record in Support of H.R. 1**

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Public Citizen's 500,000 members and supporters, we write to express our wholehearted support for the sweeping ethics, campaign finance and voting rights reforms offered by the For the People Act (H.R. 1), which you are moving through the hearing process in your committee.

In November, the American people went to the polls and resoundingly cast their ballots in support of candidates and officeholders committed to cleaning up corruption and holding government accountable. H.R. 1 embodies these principles and constitutes your promise to the nation to ensure that public officials work for the people.

This sweeping legislative package addresses three key buckets of reforms which are essential to make our government work effectively and fairly. The legislation provides:

- Comprehensive campaign finance reforms that would end dark money and reduce the alarming influence of special interest and corporate money over our elections.
- Desperately-needed governmental ethics reforms to slow the revolving door between public service and powerful business interests, and strengthening oversight and enforcement of ethics laws and rules.
- Voting and electoral reforms that would end gerrymandering and reaffirm the principle of one person, one vote.

In 2016, many voters believed in the campaign pledge to “drain the swamp,” only to be sorely disappointed by the growing power of wealthy special interests over all levers of government in Washington DC. And voters responded in 2018.

These key issues took front and center of the political dialogue in the last election, and will once again emerge as the most important factors affecting voting choices in the 2020 elections. A new

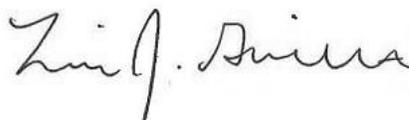
class of representatives has been ushered into the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress and will be judged by voters on how well that promise is kept.

Carry through with that promise by doing everything you can to advance H.R. 1 into law.

Sincerely,



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