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RI Dems call on Doherty to explain \$10,000 contribution from Citizens United PAC

Doherty cites need to be "in step with their philosophy," when taking PAC donations

Providence, RI – The Rhode Island Democratic Party today called on Republican Congressional candidate Brendan Doherty to explain his acceptance of a \$10,000 campaign contribution from Citizens United.

"The Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United does nothing but enlarge the voice of corporate America and give the special interests in Washington even more political power," said Bill Fischer, spokesperson for the RI Democratic Party. "Mr. Doherty needs to explain why he thinks the Citizens United ruling is good for our country and why special interests should be permitted to continue spending millions of dollars to secretly influence elections.

"While Democrats in Washington are fighting for legislation that will at least disclose the big money influences fueling Super PAC expenditures, Republicans in Congress are standing with Citizens United to block transparency - the very Republicans Brendan Doherty will stand with if elected to Congress," said Fischer.

On July 16, Brendan Doherty made an appearance on WPRO's *Buddy Cianci Show*, where the issue of accepting PAC money was raised. **Doherty offered the following response:**

"It depends on who they are because I'm very very cautious as to where I take contributions from. I think that Bill Shields had mentioned that several PACs came from the leadership of the party, but you know it depends on where those PACs come from because there are some groups out there that may not be, I may not be, in step with their philosophy, so I'm very careful of that."

"Voters on the fence in this race should know what they're signing on to. They should know that a vote for Doherty is implicitly a vote for Citizens United. Mitt Romney famously declared earlier this year that 'Corporations are people' and apparently Doherty endorses that concept too – which is a real problem for our democracy and Rhode Island," added Fischer.