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## Doherty campaign admits opposition to the DISCLOSE Act

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**Providence, RI** – In response to criticism from the Rhode Island Democratic Party for accepting \$10,000 in campaign contributions from Citizens United, the Doherty campaign on Monday admitted they are also opposed to the DISCLOSE Act. The legislation, sponsored by Democratic Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, requires Super PACs to publicly report how their expenditures are funded.

“It’s much worse than we thought,” said Bill Fischer, spokesperson for the RI Democratic Party. “Standing with Citizens United is disturbing enough, but to also publicly pronounce your opposition to basic campaign finance reform is simply alarming. Brendan Doherty has bought into Citizens United’s mission hook, line and sinker, all for the lowly price of \$10,000 and he’s indicated that he is standing with the more extreme flanks of the Republican Party, another sign he is far removed from the political positions of most Rhode Islanders.

“To further the hypocrisy of their opposition to the Disclose Act, the Doherty campaign, in response to the *Citizens United* Supreme Court decision, said, ‘you have to respect the highest court in the land,’ yet they seem to be singing a different tune when it comes to the recent Supreme Court position on the Affordable Care Act,” said Fischer. “The day the Supreme Court announced their historic decision to support the Affordable Care Act, Mr. Doherty put out a press release condemning the decision. Just like Doherty sided with the health insurance companies on health care reform, he continues to side with the big corporations and wealthy special interests on campaign finance reform.”

“While Democrats in Washington are fighting for legislation that will at least disclose the now-hidden 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.

“Doherty’s ‘I’m a moderate’ position is about as thin as an outdoor skating rink in the Mojave Desert,” added Fischer. “The more Mr. Doherty talks frankly about the issues, the more voters of the First Congressional District are going to find out Brendan is a conservative in moderate’s clothing.”