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CPA Statement Urging President Trump to Commit "America First Policies" to Transparency

Bruce F. Freed, president of the Center for Political Accountability, issued the following statement on media reports that political operatives linked with President Trump are launching a supportive nonprofit, America First Policies, without any clear commitment to publicly disclosing its donors.

"President Trump made 'draining the swamp' in Washington a centerpiece of his campaign. He now has an opportunity to live up to his promise by urging political groups like America First Policies to disclose their donors. When politically active nonprofits are tied to powerful elected officials and conceal their donors, it fuels the threat of extortion and shakedowns for money that helps perpetuate the 'swamp.'"

The Center for Political Accountability has been spearheading the effort to bring transparency and accountability to corporate political spending. For more information, visit <u>politicalaccountability.net</u> and read the 2016 CPA-Zicklin Index at <u>politicalaccountability.net/index</u>.

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