

## **R12: Resolution Condemning the Use of Funds from Undisclosed Sources During Democratic Party Primaries**

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**WHEREAS** the use of funds from undisclosed sources has been rightfully recognized by Democrats as an anti-democratic tactic harmful to the integrity and transparency of our election process; And

**WHEREAS** the DNC has committed itself in its current platform to “...end “dark money” by requiring full disclosure of contributors and ban 501(c)(4) organizations from spending on elections” ([p. 50, “Stopping the Influence of Special Interests”](#)); And

**WHEREAS** groups with funds from undisclosed sources have continued to influence campaigns and contest results, including Democratic primaries, especially targeting progressive incumbents and challengers, through the use of these anti-democratic tactics, disseminating misinformation and support for voter suppression efforts; And

**WHEREAS** these instances continue to grow into [a defining feature of US elections](#), and [media](#) and [advocacy groups](#) are calling for Party action; And

**WHEREAS** the proliferation of funds from undisclosed sources creates skepticism about the fairness and representativeness of our electoral process at a time when our democratic process is already under attack from Republicans and far-right conspiracy theorists; And

**WHEREAS** the use of these funds in our primaries presents an image of our elections as being “for sale,” thereby discouraging participation from potential candidates; And

**WHEREAS** this same suggestion of unfairness within our primaries discourages participation and engagement from voters in both the short and long term; And

**WHEREAS** funds raised would be better used strengthening our eventual candidates in their contests against Republicans during general elections; And

**WHEREAS** there are Americans living overseas and unable to return to the United States because it provides insufficient healthcare, student debt, living wage, LGBTQ2S+ and other protections or accommodations to enable their safe or comfortable return to the United States; And

**WHEREAS** progressive incumbents and challengers targeted by funds from undisclosed sources more often promote policies to address the aforementioned deficiencies; And

**WHEREAS** the Resolutions Committee of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has failed to approve a similar resolution brought before the committee; Therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party Committee Abroad urges the Democratic National Committee to take the following actions:

1. That the DNC publicly and forcefully condemn the use of funding from undisclosed sources during any and all Democratic primary elections;
2. That the DNC explore options for banning the use of these funds in Democratic primaries and establish procedures for the investigation of use by candidate committees of funds from undisclosed sources, as well as possible disciplinary action;
3. That the DNC further empower state parties in ensuring the transparency and democratic nature of their respective primary elections.