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**INDEPENDENTS URGE PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP TO “DRAIN THE SWAMP” BY APPOINTING A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON ELECTION REFORM**

**LET APPOINTMENTS REFLECT 43% OF AMERICANS ARE INDEPENDENT**

Jacqueline Salit, President of IndependentVoting.org, and Rick Robol, President of Independent Ohio, have sent President-Elect Donald Trump a letter recommending immediate steps to “drain the swamp” and attend to the problem of partisanship in government. Over 350 independent voter activists from 40 states signed onto the letter. The letter was sent today to the Donald J. Trump Presidential Transition Office, to the President-Elect’s three children who are members of the transition team (Eric Trump, Donald Trump Jr. and Ivanka Trump) and to the Vice President-Elect and Chair of the Transition Team, Mike Pence.

Specifically the letter requests that President-Elect Trump “appoint a Special Presidential Commission on Election Reform to study how to reform the electoral and political infrastructure of the United States to put more direct power into the hands of the American people; again, it is essential that the membership of the Commission consist of ample representation from Independents. From the persistence of closed primaries which lock out millions of younger and other non-aligned voters, to systems of partisan redistricting, to the electoral college itself, the barriers to popular self-governance are deeply entrenched.”

**FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER BELOW**

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President-Elect Donald J. Trump  
Trump Presidential Transition Office  
725 Fifth Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10022

Dear President-Elect Trump:

We represent the interests of Independent voters throughout the United States. Please accept our congratulations on your election. We wish you success in achieving the goal of fixing our nation's “rigged” political and electoral infrastructure. Throughout the campaign, many Americans—whether they voted for you or not—expressed their urgent wish to see our political system put in the hands of the people, not the special interests,