From: To: USOGE

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I've long believed that one of the largest sources of corruption in our government came from special interest groups and their lobbyists. Sending gifts to members of our government, in an implied exchange for a certain vote or action, undermines the system to such a large degree that it often hurts the common man, the "99%" as we've been called in recent months. Allowing those in power to be effectively bought off by corporate interests helps only the buyers and the bought. Our elected "representatives" have shown us that, if it means their pockets will be lined just a shade more, they will not hesitate to give huge deals to Big Pharma, Big Oil, or anyone else - even at the expense of their constituents. Politicians who accept "gifts" from lobbyists are no more American than their Italian suits or German cars. Lobbying is nothing more than legalized bribery, and it is time we start treating it less as "legal" and more as "bribery", for the sake of real Americans: the blue collars, the dwindling middle class, the "99%".

The public is slowly making it's opinions clear - irrespective of party affiliation, or political leaning, or home state, heritage, class, upbringing, or anything else - the age of legalized corruption in our government needs to end. This is a tremendous step towards that goal.

Signed,