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CASEY LUCIUS SUPPORTED BY DARK MONEY CONSERVATIVE SUPER PAC

Carmel Valley, CA – A last minute television buy from an out-of-state dark money conservative Super PAC that traffics in undisclosed untraceable money is now supporting Republican Casey Lucius for Congress. This is the first time a Super PAC has engaged in the 20th Congressional District race.

“The 20th Congressional District has never seen out-of-state dark money come into a race like this before,” said Congressional candidate Jimmy Panetta. “My opponent has talked endlessly about special interests on this campaign, and here she is getting help from a Super PAC that comes out of the Tea Party and does not disclose the sources of its money. This is exactly why I have the support of End Citizens United, who is fighting to reform our campaign finance system.”

A group called the American Freedom Builders Action Network has spent over \$50,000 in an Independent Expenditure for television advertisements in support of Casey Lucius' candidacy. American Freedom Builders Action Network was founded by right-wing operatives in Ohio and funded through mysterious sources that remain undisclosed. Those operatives have a sordid history of campaign funding that has been subject to frequent investigations.

American Freedom Builders Action Network can be traced back to an Ohio Republican operative named Joel Riter with ties to the Ohio Tea Party and right-wing extremists. Riter's Super PAC's have been hit over the last few years with Federal Election Commission complaints centered on illegally coordinating with campaigns, filing inaccurate tax returns and violating campaign finance laws.

For more information, see:

Undisclosed donors in unlimited amounts:

http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/10/former_josh_mandel_aide_now_a.html

CREW complaint to FEC: <http://www.citizensforethics.org/dark-money-non-profit-blatantly-lied-irs-refusing-file-taxes-months/>

FEC Complaint in Maryland 6th CD: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/delaney-charges-opponent-is-illegally-coordinating-with-super-pac/2016/09/22/67d4fa66-804a-11e6-a52d-9a865a0ed0d4_story.html

Jimmy Panetta is a Democratic candidate for the 20th Congressional District seat being vacated by longtime Congressman Sam Farr. He lives with his wife Carrie and two daughters in Carmel Valley.

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