



N. M. senators concentrate on how to respond

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., and Tom Udall, D-N.M., participated in the Senate Democrats' Special Committee on the Climate Crisis' hearing titled, "Dark Money and Barriers to Climate Action" Oct. 29. The committee heard about anonymous funding of climate obstruction and what can be done to fight it from experts at top universities and government watchdog groups.

Udall, lead sponsor of the *For the People Act*, and Heinrich, a member of the Senate Democrats' Special Committee on the Climate Crisis, introduced the *Democracy for All Amendment*

Examining barriers to climate action

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, a constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United v. FEC* and other court decisions, to help get big money out of politics, and put power back in the hands of the American people.

The senators also introduced the *Fair Elections Now Act*, which would dramatically change the way U.S. Senate elections are financed. Under the legislation, qualified senate candidates would earn grants, matching funds, and television vouchers to run competitive campaigns based on small-dollar contributions, rather than rely on funding from wealthy donors and corporate special interests.