



AMERICAN PROMISE:

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

THANK YOU

To this community of changemakers:
thank you for believing in freedom, equal
representation, and election integrity for all
Americans.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Friend,

What's the biggest threat to American democracy? Listen to Americans as 2022 came to an end, following a \$17 billion midterm election: 86% say the biggest threat is the power of money in politics. According to the most recent Pew Survey, Americans rank the money and corruption crisis at the top of the list of priorities they want elected officials to address – higher than crime, immigration, climate, and many other urgent issues.

Why do Americans see money-in-politics as a core threat? They know that the way money flows through our political system determines whether our elected representatives are truly aligned with our interests, or whether they are beholden to their funders. And because the Supreme Court treats “money” as “speech” that can't be regulated, only a constitutional amendment can solve the problem of unlimited money in elections. That's what we need to do to end the corruption; to protect our elections; to secure free speech for all Americans; to enable functional government; to solve problems; to stop the crazy; to heal and strengthen our civic fabric.

Make no mistake. We are in a constitutional struggle that will determine whether the American experiment can continue.

One side says unlimited money is “free speech” and has stripped Americans of the power to regulate money in elections to protect our own rights. On our side, we have a different idea, one shared by almost all Americans and honored through our history: To protect free speech, to protect honest representation and a meaningful vote, and to stop corruption, Americans must use our power to regulate money influence in elections.

That's what the For Our Freedom Amendment does. It's a big lift but our work in 2022 proved that Americans are with us. In 2022, American Promise moved the For Our Freedom Amendment from “impossible to inevitable,” in the words of Congressman Jamie Raskin.

With your investment and support, we are expanding our state-based, citizen-driven model of success. We are proving that Americans are hungry for a chance to work with people whose views differ from their own in the greater cause of America. Our strategy rests on fundamental common ground – the belief that officials should be responsive to their constituents – and builds upon citizens' capacity to bridge across differences in support of this unifying vision. Our American Promise movement shows that when we fight for what's right, for the good of all, and for the future of this country, we can unite to win this constitutional struggle.

But we also get something more: We begin to heal and renew a fractured society and come together to renew the promise of freedom for all. Thank you for all you do.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff".

Jeff Clements,
President and CEO

THE CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION

THE PROBLEM. OUR SOLUTION.

MAJOR THREATS TO DEMOCRACY

86%

INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN POLITICS

69%

POTENTIAL FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE

67%

ATTEMPTS TO OVERTURN ELECTIONS

67%

MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A SAY

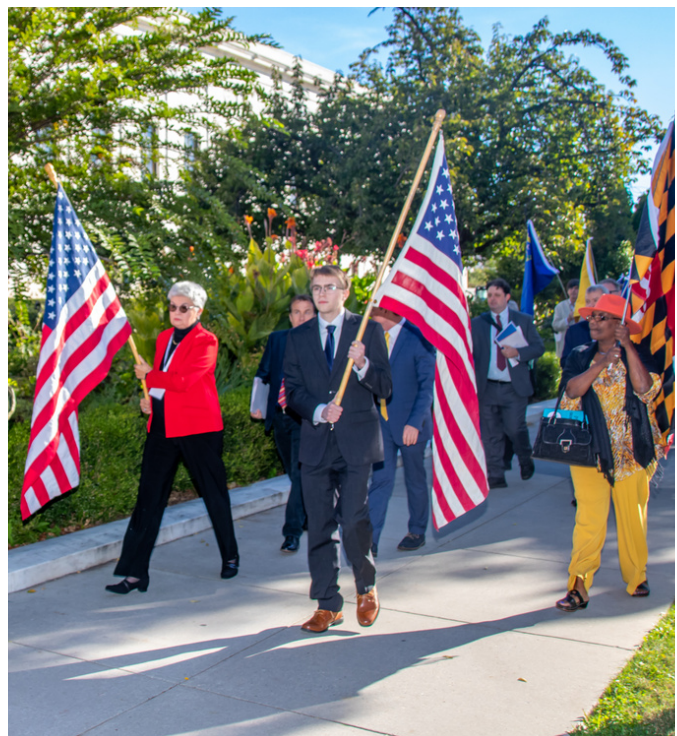
Americans agree: the destructive power of money in politics is the number one threat to democracy and republican self-government. Billionaires, global corporations, big unions, and foreign government-influenced entities poured **\$17 billion** into the 2022 midterm elections. With any constitutional check or balance impossible (until American Promise prevails!) the money, division, dysfunction, corruption, and disillusionment of the American voters continues to deepen as we head for 2024.

[cbsnews.com/news/cbs-news-poll-americans-democracy-is-under-threat-opinion-poll-2022-09-01/](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cbs-news-poll-americans-democracy-is-under-threat-opinion-poll-2022-09-01/)

THE SOLUTION?

Amend the U.S. Constitution.

Every generation or so, Americans have amended the Constitution to better serve freedom. Now Americans are doing it again. American Promise's **For Our Freedom Amendment** empowers Americans, through Congress and the States, to regulate contributions and spending in our elections so that government policy can't be bought by the highest bidders. The amendment secures free speech rights for all Americans – not just the powerful donor class – and it will repair civic trust by bringing elected officials into stronger alignment with their actual constituents.



THE CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION

THE FOR OUR FREEDOM AMENDMENT



When we began this journey in 2017, we knew that our American Promise amendment had to be a product of the minds, ideas, and perspectives of Americans across the country, and reflect the energy and passion citizens continue to put towards winning a more representative government. Through town halls, “Writing the 28th” programs, conversations, and many, many, drafts, we have produced this text that we have put forth for our For Our Freedom Amendment:

This proposal builds on amendment language that was first introduced in Congress in 1987. The amendment now has hundreds of supporters in the House and Senate. With the improved language of the For Our Freedom Amendment, coming from legal scholars and citizens alike across the political spectrum, we know we have the chance to bring it across the finish line. But it will take work in the states to move Congress.

SECTION 1

We the People have compelling sovereign interests in representative self-government, federalism, the integrity of the electoral process, and the political equality of natural persons.

SECTION 2

Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to forbid Congress or the States, within their respective jurisdictions, from reasonably regulating and limiting contributions and spending in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

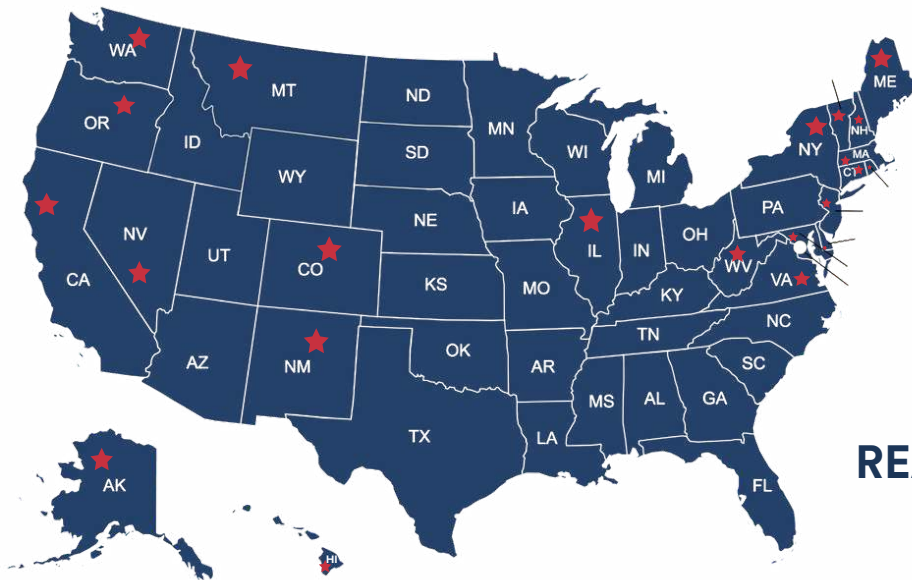
SECTION 3

Congress and the States shall have the power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation and may distinguish between natural persons and artificial entities, including by prohibiting artificial entities from raising and spending money in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Phase Two of our ten-year plan to win our For Our Freedom Amendment tracks the way constitutional change has always happened in America: town by town, state by state, compelling Congress to act. Americans around the nation joined the effort in 2022 as we replicated our state-based **“ready-to-ratify” model**. The goal of “ready-to-ratify” is to create social and political conditions on the ground in a state so that it will quickly ratify the For Our Freedom Amendment once it passes Congress. Here we highlight some of last year’s key state efforts as we build on the 22 states that have already taken action to back the amendment.



22
STATES ARE
READY TO RATIFY

80,000+

SIGNATURES
GATHERED IN MAINE

100+

CITIZEN ATTENDEES
TO TEXAS LUNCH

92% Support

FROM THE WISCONSIN
BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

12+

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS
TO THE MASSACHUSETTS
LEGISLATURE

35-0 vote

FOR SUPPORT FROM
THE GREATER LEHIGH
VALLEY CHAMBER

500+

SIGNATURES GATHERED AT
THE MINNESOTA STEELE
COUNTY STATE FAIR

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

MAINE

We brought our “ready-to-ratify” state model to Maine several years ago, grew significantly after the \$200 million 2020 Senate race, and have now united Maine people in a campaign called **Protect Maine Elections** to fight back against foreign-government spending in Maine’s elections, and to advance the For Our Freedom Amendment. American Promise’s Field Director, **Chris Cayer**, led hundreds of volunteers in conversation with their fellow citizens to collect signatures from **80,000+ Mainers** who signed petitions to put our amendment on the ballot in 2023. This is another big step forward against the power of money, with 2023 prospects for victory looking good.



Protect Maine Elections Deputy Field Director Kelly Merrill gets out in the field to talk to Mainers about getting foreign influence out of elections

This success in Maine also reflects the power of our **cross-partisan** approach, with **State Senator Rick Bennett (R)** and **State Senator Nicole Grohoski (D)** teaming up to support the For Our Freedom Amendment and help lead the campaign.



“Everybody knows that the system isn't working, even the people who seem to be winning in it”

-Senator Rick Bennett, National Citizen Leadership Conference 2022

WYOMING

The great American Promise volunteers of Wyoming Promise were hard at work in 2022, where our American Promise state leader **Ken Chestek** went from citizen advocate to state legislator. In this position, he collaborated with others to present a joint resolution calling for our amendment, and was met with some great support, with the resolution passing the Senate twice. Although the resolution did not pass in both legislative chambers this session, this progress moves the needle forward for possible passage in 2023.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022



PENNSYLVANIA

As we take lessons learned from Maine to expand our presence in other priority states, 2022 saw great strides for Pennsylvania, where a key component of our strategy is leveraging the voices of the business community. **Dave Black**, American Promise volunteer leader and former CEO of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, is hard at work in the Keystone State: building our network of connections and vocal supporters of the amendment to include Democrat and Republican citizens alike (including former **Governor Tom Ridge (R)**); facilitating dozens of chamber presentations; and leading us to Pennsylvania’s Republican-controlled Senate, where several Republican Senators introduced our For Our Freedom resolution. In the closely divided House, Democrats and Republicans united to introduce the resolution.

As tens of millions of dollars of dark money poured into the state’s 2022 Senate race, we charged up our ready-to-ratify model with the release of our latest relevant, impactful report, **“UnCommon Wealth,”** just as we did with our **“Under the Avalanche”** report in Maine. This heavily researched tool allows us to create interest, successfully launch campaigns in the State House, garner media hits, and build visibility for our amendment both with legislators and citizens alike. It also helps our roadmap for success in the states, as it is a resource we can share at civic briefings, with local voters, and at “Freedom is Brewing” social gatherings.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, the NCLC Citizen Leadership Award-winning, cross-partisan state volunteer team of **Judy Nagel, Gail Garrity Reed, Howard Hauser, Michael Poradek**, and new American Promise Board member **Alex Renard** built on the success of numerous rotary and business events in Green Bay. Propelled by civic and business leaders in the Greater Green Bay Area, the team saw victories across the state, including a win in Brown County with a local resolution that called for the For Our Freedom Amendment earning **92% support in the County Board of Supervisors**, a replicable roadmap for future national success and increased visibility.



TEXAS

Long-time American Promise supporter and leader **Ann Drumm** organized a lunch forum sponsored by the **Sumners Foundation** featuring panelists **Ann Ravel**, American Promise Advisory Council Member and Former Federal Election Committee Commissioner; **Tom Leppert**, businessman and former Dallas Mayor (R); **Jeff Clements**, American Promise President and CEO; and **John Wass**, American Promise Board Chair. In spreading the message about the For Our Freedom Amendment and the opportunity to hear these panelists speak on the issue of pay-to-play politics, Ann turned out **over one hundred** North Texas citizens.



Ann's exemplary work underscores our cross-partisan support, as she successfully rallies volunteers in a red state to stand with us. The cross-partisan connections forged in Texas provide persuasive data points when we meet with legislators throughout the country.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

MASSACHUSETTS

In a 2018 ballot initiative, a super-majority win with 72% of the vote led to the formation of the Massachusetts Citizens Commission. After a ballot process through which 1,000 volunteers collected more than 120,000 signatures, 15 citizens — including our American Promise Board member, **Cheryl Clyburn Crawford** — were appointed by a cross-partisan group of elected state leaders and charged with investigating the problem of unlimited money in elections and making recommendations as to constitutional amendment language and how to engage the public and elected officials in advancing the constitutional amendment to ratification.



Fast forward to summer 2022. Following grassroots demand, including testimony from **more than a dozen** American Promise volunteers, the Massachusetts Legislature passed a new law, extending the Citizens Commission to December 31, 2025, enhancing our ability to work both within Massachusetts and with other states to move the American Promise Amendment ahead. Thanks to their tireless efforts, and persistence in fixing the crisis created by outsized election spending, the Massachusetts Citizen Commission received a Citizen Leadership Award at our 2022 NCLC.

NEW JERSEY

American Promise’s New Jersey chapter, a dedicated team of volunteers led by longtime American Promise supporter **Marie HenselderKimmel**, spearheaded two virtual candidate forums for Gubernatorial and Congressional candidates to talk about big money’s impact on launching a political campaign, and to kick off the 2022 Candidate Pledge Program, an essential part of our strategy to get candidates to commit, if elected, to becoming champions on the issue of campaign financing. The first forum featured a cross-partisan panel including candidates from the Democratic, Republican, Green, and Libertarian political parties. The second forum featured three conservative, pledge-signing candidates. These forums provide opportunities for citizens to see effective cross-partisan work in action, and inspire other Americans to engage with their elected leaders about this amendment work.

OUR NETWORKS

A BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT

We expanded the robust coalition of networks taking part in our efforts to end the influence of money on our elections, with a focus on our social work network, business network, and legal network. These groups are hard at work bringing new Americans into the fold and modeling civic education strategies that can be scaled to a national level.

SOCIAL WORK NETWORK

American Promise Vice President of Outreach, **Dr. Jessica Hare**, who worked professionally as a social worker prior to joining the American Promise team, brought together social workers and health care workers across the country. Working at the frontlines and seeing firsthand many of the challenges the American people face, social workers and healthcare workers are uniquely positioned to speak to the wellbeing of the communities they serve, while continuing to advocate for change, and demonstrate how the For Our Freedom Amendment gets at the root cause of many of the broken systems that fail to center the voices and needs of citizens.



LEGAL NETWORK

Longtime American Promise supporter **Julie Brogan** not only joined American Promise as our Senior Legal Fellow, but also came out of retirement to renew her license to practice law to help build out our legal network, reinforce the legal soundness of our amendment, and continue to strengthen our community of civic educators.

“This is a proximate problem for them (healthcare and social workers) and something they can work on because they're seeing it in their day to day work.”

-Aliya Bhatia, Executive Director, Vot+ER
National Citizen Leadership Conference 2022

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

BUSINESS NETWORK

American Promise's Business Network continues to grow under the leadership of American Promise Business and Civic Network Director **John McCrea**, who has increased awareness about our constitutional solution through elevating the issue on platforms such as the *Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation Podcast*, *Forbes*, and LinkedIn. Business professionals from all 50 states, from chambers of commerce and rotaries, and across the political spectrum are following the examples set by American Promise volunteers in Maine, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, to make it clear that money in politics harms businesses, with volunteers presenting to more than **two dozen rotaries across the country**. We have **chamber endorsements** from Pennsylvania to Texas and are winning additional endorsements in key states on a quarterly basis.

And with leaders like **Maureen Kline**, Vice President of Public Affairs and Sustainability at Pirelli Tire -- North America affirming how the For Our Freedom Amendment aligns with Pirelli's business model and the greater business good, the message from business leaders continue to be clear: we need to get money out of politics, and we need to do it now.



On August 9th, 2022, **more than 50 citizens** in the Lehigh Valley gathered for an American Promise Chamber event to celebrate the **35-0 vote** of the Public Policy Committee in favor of the American Promise For Our Freedom Amendment in the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber, an example we're looking to replicate in chambers across the nation.

AMERICAN PROMISE 2022 EVENTS

Across the country, Americans continue to organize, gather, and speak out about the crisis they face in making their voices heard in our elections. Whether online or in person, the convenings of these Americans are foundational to the continued momentum of our Amendment, and continue to send the message to our lawmakers that our system is broken but we have a solution. Below are a few examples of what is happening at American Promise events across the nation.



AP EVENTS

AP CONNECT

In 2022, we continued our American Promise Connect calls to provide a forum for citizens hard at work on the ground in states across the nation to come together, learn from one another, and hear national strategic updates, as well as share information about opportunities to engage with actions such as letters to the editor, friend-banking, and candidate and citizen pledge collection.



REP. JAMIE RASKIN

In April, **Rep. Jamie Raskin** joined us to discuss his book, *Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy*, the need for structural democracy reform, and how recent crises are affecting the mental health of young people in America.

THE POWER OF POLITICAL SOCIAL WORK

June's AP Connect, "The Power of Political Social Work," featured **Sarah Butts** of the National Association of Social Workers, **Dr. Charles E. Lewis** of the Congressional Research Institute of Social Work and Policy (CRISP), and **Dr. Jessica Hare**, VP of Outreach at American Promise. The call brought together our growing social work network to discuss the intersection between money in politics and social work, and the effect the For Our Freedom Amendment will have on enhancing equality and justice for everyday Americans.



CLAIMING POWER THROUGH CITIZEN LEADERSHIP

September's AP Connect Call, also hosted by **Dr. Jessica**, highlighted American Promise staff from every department previewing what attendees could expect at the upcoming National Citizen Leadership Conference and Citizen Lobby Day.

AP EVENTS

NATIONAL CITIZEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FREEDOM. UNITY. CIVIC COURAGE.

For the first time since 2019, our National Citizen Leadership Conference (NCLC) was in-person in Washington, DC for our 5th annual convening. Following the theme of “Freedom, Unity, and Civic Courage,” 2022’s NCLC saw speakers and supporters from across the country and across the political spectrum **come together to advocate against common issues of corruption, foreign interference, and political division**. Being in-person again for this inspiring event strengthened the growing community around American Promise and our mission, and showcased what we can accomplish when we unite across party lines.

This year’s conference highlighted the voices of many innovators, thought leaders, and forward-thinking minds across the political spectrum, all of whom are passionate about our constitutional cure to the problems we face in this nation. The program included more than twenty speakers, including **Andrew Yang**, Forward Party Founder; **Aliya Bhatia** and **Vot+ER**, where Aliya is CEO and Founder; **Layla Zaidane**, President and CEO, Millennial Action Project; and **Dave Black**, former President & CEO, Harrisburg, PA Chamber of Commerce.



“You’re building something this country badly, badly needs. There are different pieces to this puzzle, American Promise’s Constitutional Amendment is an enormous piece of that puzzle.”

— **Andrew Yang**, 2020 Candidate for President; Forward Party



“We can build a diverse, healthy and prosperous democracy, one that can set a venerated precedent for freedom across the globe...we can get there the same way that 22 other states already have, by calling on congress to pass the For Our Freedom amendment.”

— **Aliya Bhatia**, Executive Director, **Vot-ER**











“When I say political I don’t mean “partisan” but I do want to emphasize that we have the need to embrace civic engagement as a part of our comprehensive approach to our caring professions.”

— **Dr. Jessica Hare**, VP of Outreach, American Promise

AP EVENTS

CITIZEN LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

The conference also awarded the Citizen Leadership Award to nine dedicated American Promise advocates whose American spirit and commitment to this democracy have been pivotal in moving the needle forward on our work to pass the For Our Freedom Amendment.

 <p>DAVE BLACK Retired CEO and President, Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce</p>	 <p>PROTECT MAINE ELECTIONS Kaitlin LaCasse, Chris Cayer, Kelly Merrill</p>	 <p>WISCONSIN AMERICAN PROMISE Howard Hauser, Judy Nagel, Alex Renard, Gail Garrity Reed</p>	 <p>STATE SENATOR RICK BENNETT (R-ME)</p>
 <p>State Rep. Meghan Schroeder (R-PA)</p>	 <p>Aliya Bhatia and Aliya Bhatia Vot+ER</p>	 <p>Matt Patsky CEO, Trillium Asset Management</p>	 <p>Lela Means American Promise Citizen Leader</p>

Lifetime Achievement Award – Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

From the American Promise team, we want to thank Rep. Katko and wish him well as he moves on to what comes next after Congress. We are so appreciative of his leadership and belief in effective governance and functioning democracy, and thank him for all his efforts to make this amendment a reality. We couldn't think of a more deserving 2022 recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award.



“The proudest accomplishment I have in Congress is being one of the most bipartisan members, and I was rated one of the most effective lawmakers in the process. So you can be an effective lawmaker, and you can be a partisan lawmaker; you don't have to be a partisan flamethrower.”

-Representative John Katko (R-NY)

AP EVENTS

CITIZEN LOBBY DAY

Citizens and legislators alike met on Capitol Hill, where our American Promise team completed **over 70 meetings** with our political leaders to continue bringing the issue of dark money campaign financing to the forefront of the minds of our elected officials.

70+

MEETINGS WITH OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

AP IN THE PRESS

Critical to our American Promise growth is continued education about and introduction of the For Our Freedom Amendment as a solution to the challenges so many citizens face. In 2022, we had incredible success garnering media attention from various outlets at both the local and national level, and had our work featured in outlets such as **New York Times** and **Forbes**.

The New York Times

HINTS OF REPUBLICAN CONCERN ABOUT UNLIMITED CAMPAIGN CASH

The New York Times covered NCLC and Citizen Lobby Day, highlighting increased cross-partisan action and support of the For Our Freedom Amendment.

The article included polling numbers suggesting Republican voters are dissatisfied with the current role of money in politics. As stated by the New York Times coverage, our NCLC showed “faint signs that the winds were shifting on the right.”

Forbes

GETTING THE TIMING RIGHT IS ESSENTIAL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

“most people in the United States are frustrated by the hyper-partisan nature of politics and the failure of elected officials to act on healthcare, gun laws, the climate crisis, and other challenges of our time. Jeff is confident that from these difficult times some real change is possible.”

Forbes

IN AN ERA OF RECORD POLITICAL SPENDING, AMERICAN PROMISE MAKES THE BUSINESS CASE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

The Columbus Dispatch

GROUP SUBMITS PETITIONS FOR INITIATIVE TO BAN FOREIGN SPENDING ON STATE REFERENDUMS

Portland Press Herald

LETTERS: DARK MONEY CAN BE JETTISONED FROM POLITICS WITH AMENDMENT

OUR MEMBERS

ADVISORY COUNCIL ADDITIONS

One of the marked characteristics of our American Promise community is that we are a group united by different passions and motivations, but who all believe wholeheartedly in our constitutional solution to the pervasive threat pay-to-play politics poses to the wellbeing of this country. In 2023, we grew our network of support with the addition of **12 new Advisory Council members**, adding to the ranks of the council two former Federal Election Commission Commissioners; the chair of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences' non-partisan commission on resolving American democracy's vulnerabilities; the President & CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network; and a former presidential candidate.



Danielle Allen

James Bryant Conant University Professor and Director of the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics



Dave Black

fmr. CEO, Harrisburg PA Chamber of Commerce



Mitchell Hescox

CEO, Evangelical Environmental Network



Maureen Kline

VP, Public Affairs & Sustainability, Pirelli Tire North America



Charles E. Lewis, Jr.

Director, Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy



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Andrew Yang

Founder, Forward Party



Layla Zaidane

CEO, Millennial Action Project

OUR MEMBERS

OUR SUPPORTERS

In a splintered political climate, you have chosen to unite with fellow Americans and bridge divides. In an era that has citizens discouraged, you have chosen hope for a different kind of future. **Thank you for your courage and for your civic engagement.**

We are grateful for the work of our local Finance Council and thank **Tara Edelman** as outgoing chair, whose effort will be continued by **Susan Ryan**. As we expand American Promise, we also look to grow our network of volunteer fundraisers committed to sharing our message and securing the necessary resources to bring our Amendment effort to scale. With that, 2022 marked the beginning of our newest volunteer fundraising network with the addition of our **American Promise Ambassador Program**.

Leading this team of capable, engaged leaders is American Promise Board Member **Leila Blodgett**. With 20+ years in the financial services sector working in marketing and investor relations for investment consulting and private equity firms, experience working with domestic and international teams to drive business and sales activities, and service to her community through education boards and community foundations, Leila brings a wealth of expertise and knowledge to American Promise.

To this community of changemakers: thank you for believing in freedom, equal representation, and election integrity for all Americans.



"If your voice isn't heard, you're not really a part of the system. Bringing guard rails back, bringing the vote back to the people, just resonate[s] so much with me. This will hit on every single thing I care about. Just a big umbrella for what I care about, what you care about. And now I'm out there telling people, we have to do this!"

Leila Blodgett, fmr. Financial Services and Marketing; American Promise Board Member

With the close of 2022, we commemorate **Buff Kavelman's** completion of her term on the American Promise Board. As founder of The Kavelman Group Philanthropic Advisors (TKG), which provides management consulting and capacity-building services to funders and philanthropic leaders, and with over 25 years of experience in the philanthropic world as a funder, board member, and a non-profit executive, Buff brought great perspective and insight to American Promise. We will miss her wisdom, enthusiasm, and strategic thinking, and wish her all the best moving forward.



OUR MEMBERS

Each day, our American Promise supporters make our momentum possible and inspire us with their passion for moving this country forward towards the For Our Freedom Amendment.



“Honestly, American Promise is the only thing that gives me hope. If we can do this -- pass an amendment -- maybe other problems will begin to right themselves, or at least we can actually have real debates and start solving some of these problems.”

— **Alex Renard**, Founder and Managing Director, Renard Ventures; American Promise Board Member



“The main thing that drew me to American Promise was the chance to solve a root problem that would help free the path to solve a lot of other problems. If our representatives were only pushing for the concerns of the people, if they were truly representing us, rather than the wishes of corporations, things would be very different. Our vote would actually count.”

— **Lela Means**, Mom; American Promise Citizen Leader



“The significant corporate dollars now flowing into political campaigns erode transparency and fairness and are incongruent with the U.S. maintaining its leadership role in the global economy. We urgently need to overturn Citizens United before its damage becomes irreversible.”

— **Matt Patsky**, CEO, Trillium Asset Management; American Promise Advisory Council Member

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Program\$1,806,266
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