

# FOR OUR FREEDOM CAMPAIGN

## SECURING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN POLITICS



**American Promise is working to accelerate ratification of the For Our Freedom Amendment, a constitutional measure restoring Americans’ ability to regulate the influence of money in national, state, and local elections.**

For generations, the United States maintained commonsense laws that curtailed everyday forms of corruption and the First Amendment was entirely compatible with guardrails on how money was used in the political system. But over the past 50 years, a small circle of elite lawyers chipped away at those safeguards, one lawsuit at a time. Today, the Supreme Court maintains a radical posture: Political spending, no matter how extravagant, is free speech. This has led to an unprecedented consolidation of power among the elite. Americans are powerless to protect their own voices, elections, and representation.

We are the only organization devoted to true systems change to address the crisis of money in politics. Since 2016, American Promise has worked across partisan battle lines to unite Americans behind constitutional reform. Over the years, we’ve developed a proven ratification strategy that can scale across the country — and appeal to Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. We are a high-performing, high-accountability organization led by an experienced management cohort. We possess deep expertise in law, electoral politics, mass communications, and coalition-building — and we know how to win. A constitutional amendment solution is supported by at least 70% of Americans, 25 states, and more than 200 members of Congress.

The 2024 election was the most expensive of all time and the 2026 midterms are shaping up to be the most expensive of all time as well. Total spending in 2024 exceeded \$20 billion, a three-fold increase over 2008. Billionaires gave 19% of all money in the 2024 federal election. Never have so few people possessed so much influence over our elections — and our elected officials.

**The For Our Freedom Amendment offers a permanent solution to this constitutional crisis. Our strategy to ratify the amendment this decade will require \$100 million, and we invite fellow citizens to help advance this historic endeavor.** Your investment will allow us to expand our grassroots efforts in the states; launch a state-of-the-art national communications campaign; and build the war chest required to overcome special-interest opposition and ensure swift ratification.

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**It is time to accept the historical gravity of our situation. It is time for Americans of all political viewpoints to come together to win the For Our Freedom Amendment.”**

DORIS KEARNS  
GOODWIN  
Pulitzer Prize-winning  
historian  
Member, American Promise  
Advisory Council

## Our Solution: The For Our Freedom Amendment

A constitutional crisis demands a constitutional solution — the courts have already demonstrated that anything short of systems-level change will not stand. American Promise is the only organization offering a permanent solution: a simple, non-partisan amendment that would permit state and federal lawmakers to enact reasonable laws around money in elections. Our most recent poll found 81% of Americans are concerned about the influence of money in politics, including 78% of Republicans, 82% of Independents, and 90% of Democrats. By a 3-to-1 margin, voters believe that Congress and states should be able to regulate the role of money in elections, backing the foundational principle behind the For Our Freedom Amendment. Solving this problem would have profound effects on the health of our democracy.

*Polling data from Ipsos National Poll January 2026*

## THE FOR OUR FREEDOM AMENDMENT

**SECTION 1.** We the People have compelling sovereign interests in the freedom of speech, 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.

## Post-Amendment Outcomes

### ► CIVIC TRUST RISES

The obvious influence of money in our political system is fueling an epidemic of cynicism, apathy, and rage. Four in five Americans now believe that big donors and lobbyists have too much influence over lawmakers. A government cannot endure without the faith of the governed.

### ► INCUMBENTS FOCUS ON PROBLEM SOLVING

Members of Congress spend considerable time fundraising. Super PAC campaigns spill into attempts to govern. In the post-amendment era, lawmakers will have the freedom to focus on solving problems, rather than catering to dark money groups and powerful interests. The amendment shifts incentives and attention from national donors to local constituents and interests. Our amendment will free up time to engage with constituents, leading to more responsive policymaking and more engaged voters.

### ► ENHANCES NATIONAL SECURITY

Foreign entities are exploiting the Supreme Court's elimination of constitutional safeguards to tamper with our elections and shape public opinion. The amendment would empower lawmakers to immediately outlaw these practices.

### ► BROADENS CANDIDATE REACH AND IMPROVES QUALITY

The current system filters out the best candidates in favor of those who can “self-fund,” have a wealthy benefactor, or play to the mob and the extremes. When campaigns are less expensive, we can expect more diverse — and higher-quality — candidates to emerge victorious in primaries.

### ► BASED ON FEDERALISM

The For Our Freedom Amendment does not prescribe any one solution, nor does it impose any national mandate. Instead, it gives states latitude to experiment with new policies and decide what works best for them.

### ► LESS DIVISIVE RHETORIC

Malicious advertising is overwhelmingly financed by dark money groups. Reining in that spending means less divisive rhetoric — and less polarization.

### ► FREE MARKETS

Businesses that can't compete pay for government favors. Good businesses are threatened and extorted for contributions. The amendment allows a level playing field so business can focus on business and innovations can thrive.

## Our National Strategy

Over the past 10 years, American Promise has developed, field-tested and refined a strategy for ratification. We maintain an active presence on Capitol Hill, making the case that our amendment will restore members of Congress to legislate and promote long-term stability. We also work with media and other key thought leaders to advance the national conversation around money in politics. But we devote most of our resources to individual states, and the reason is twofold. First, by building a state-level coalition of officials and constituents, we exert upward pressure on federal lawmakers from those states, making them more likely to support the amendment during a floor vote. And second, once we secure enough state-level support, we can advance a pro-amendment resolution through the state legislature — so when it's time for states to vote on the matter, we can drive rapid ratification.

In every state, we operate under the same core principles:

- 1 Research.** Before we invest a single dollar into a new effort, we always start with an in-depth analysis. How can we localize the issue, making it feel as salient as possible to state residents and legislators? What existing controversies, campaigns or networks can we leverage? How can we use state-level officials to exert pressure on federal representatives, and vice versa?
- 2 Develop and execute a comprehensive plan.** We establish our long-term goals and timelines, then identify the incremental benchmarks required to achieve them. We decide whether we'll need a larger in-state team, or if a focused government affairs push will be sufficient. We identify key power brokers that could make or break our effort. We survey the horizon for any legislative landmines (e.g., big budget showdowns) that could delay our efforts, then we develop a sensible timeline.
- 3 Build a strong foundation.** Wherever possible, we avoid building from zero. In addition to hiring our own staff, we also partner with leaders and local organizations that will accelerate in-state adoption. Then, we expand through public events, local media, and endorsements from key local civic leaders and influential organizations.
- 4 Work with intention.** The right message from the right messenger must reach the right recipient to build bipartisan consensus and move the needle on support.
- 5 Integrate our state and federal strategies.** Our congressional support is bolstered by our in-state successes, and our state-level priority-setting is informed by the dynamics of states' congressional delegations.

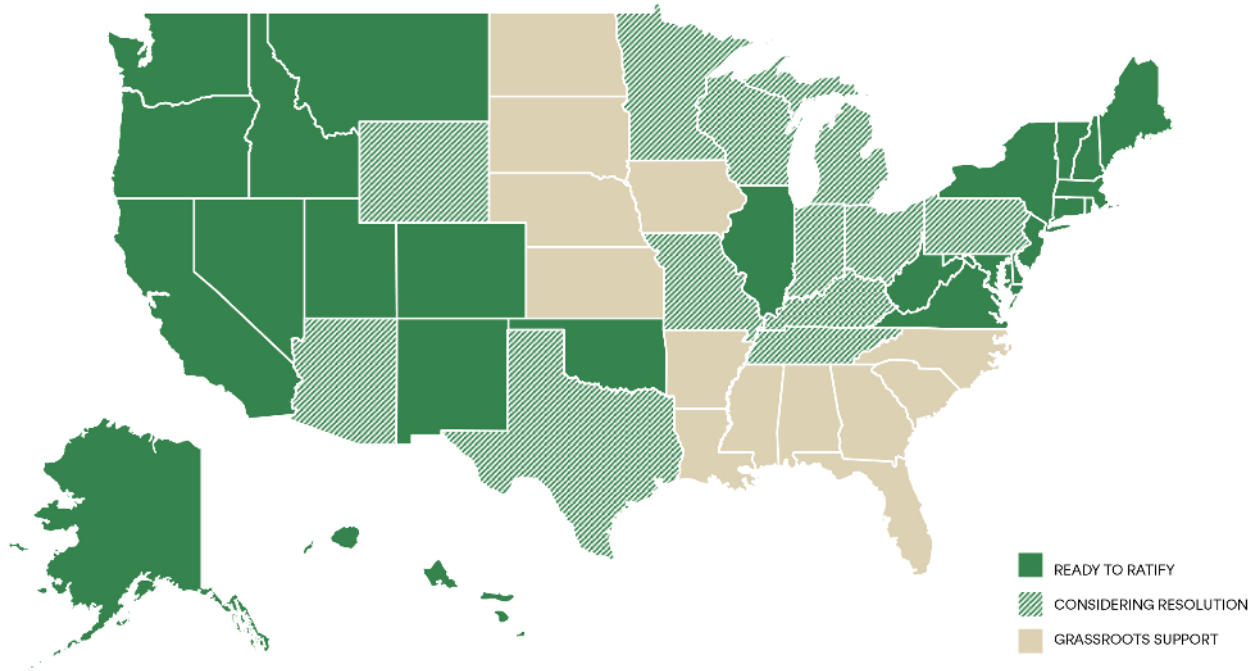
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**The unrelenting flow of money into our elections is threatening the conservative values we hold dear, among which are local control and representative self-government. There is too much political power in the hands of a few people, who are often out-of-state billionaires funneling their money through dark money special interest groups and shell corporations. Passing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, such as the For Our Freedom Amendment championed by American Promise, puts the power back where it belongs: with the states. State legislatures know best how to set reasonable limits on campaign and election spending, and to stop the corruption that flows from that money.”**

WYOMING STATE  
REP. ANDREW BYRON (Republican)

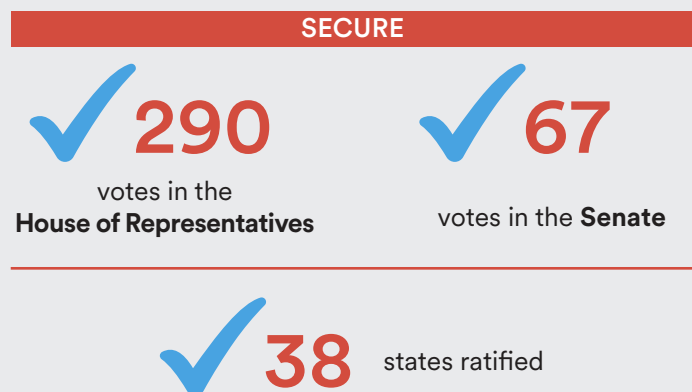
## Our Winning Record

Between 2016 and 2020, we raised \$7 million to demonstrate proof of concept in four states and develop a model that can scale. From 2021 to 2024, we raised another \$20 million to build national infrastructure and expand operations to seven more states. **With that initial capital, our team built broad-based political coalitions at the state level and mainstreamed the amendment solution, turning a nascent idea into a nationwide movement.** Today, 25 states have formally called on Congress to introduce an amendment to address money in politics, signaling they are ready-to-ratify when the time comes. More than 200 members of Congress support the solution of a constitutional amendment.



## Our Plan to Win

With your support, we will secure supermajority support in Congress, win the backing of at least 38 state governments, and maintain our momentum throughout the ratification fight. We anticipate fierce resistance from deep-pocketed special-interest groups, and we are building a war chest in preparation: The final push for ratification could require upward of \$100 million.



## Our Invitation to You

This is our moment. Americans recognize the problem and overwhelmingly support our solution. American Promise is uniquely positioned to unite citizens and move our country past the dysfunction and toward a strong, high-functioning country and political system. **We have the opportunity to make history together, and we would welcome your investment in this urgent and timely cause.**

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU.

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**“ American Promise has moved this urgently needed constitutional amendment from impossible to inevitable.”**

U.S. REP. JAMIE RASKIN  
(Democrat, Maryland)

## Our Team: Accountable and Battle-Tested

Since 2016, American Promise has been working to end the crisis of money in politics. Our team has always transcended party affiliation, and we have staff, board members, advisors and donors from across the political spectrum. In addition, we possess the expertise — in law and politics, communications and coalition-building — required to build nationwide support for ratifying the For Our Freedom Amendment.

### LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Co-Founder & CEO

*veteran attorney*

Partner at large Boston law firm, Assistant Attorney General, Author & Investor



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