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President CJ's Letter

Dear Colleagues,

Did you know that fewer than 50% of registered Republican voters in Albemarle County voted in the last two elections? And as we know, "elections have consequences."

It is extremely important that we make it a priority to "Get Out the Vote" in 2024. If we work together as a like-minded community to increase voter turnout, we will all benefit, and perhaps our elected representatives will more closely reflect our values.

We are all familiar with the adage, "Why should I vote? My one vote won't matter." Well, here are a few interesting examples of where one vote HAS really mattered.

In 1962 - The Governors of Maine, Rhode Island, and North Dakota were elected by an average of one vote per precinct.

In 1977 - Vermont State representative Sydney Nixon was seated as an apparent one vote winner, 570 to 569. Mr. Nixon resigned when the State House determined, after a recount, that he had actually lost to his opponent Robert Emond 572 to 571.

In 1989 - A Lansing, Michigan School District millage proposition failed when the final recount produced a tie vote 5,147 for, and 5,147 against. On the original vote count, votes against the proposition were ten more than those in favor. The result meant that the school district had to reduce its budget by \$2.5 million.

In 1994 - 1.1 votes per precinct in Alaska elected Tony Knowles as Governor and Fran Ulmer as Lieutenant Governor out of 216,668 votes cast in the General Election.

In 1994 - Republican Randall Luthi and Independent Larry Call tied for a seat in the Wyoming House of

Representatives from the Jackson Hole area with 1,941 votes each. A recount produced the same result. Mr. Luthi was finally declared the winner when, in a drawing before the State Canvassing Board, a ping pong ball bearing his name was pulled from the cowboy hat of Democratic Governor Mike Sullivan.

In 1997 - Dakota Democrat John McIntyre led Republican Hal Wick 4,195 to 4,191 for the second seat in Legislative District 12 on election night. A subsequent recount showed Wick the winner at 4,192 to 4,191. The State Supreme Court however, ruled that one ballot counted for Wick was invalid due to an over-vote. This left the race a tie. After hearing arguments from both sides, the State Legislature voted to seat Wick 46 to 20.

In 2000 - The Presidential election was decided by an extremely narrow margin. George W. Bush won the state of Florida by just 537 votes, making him the next President of the United States. Close to 6 million voters went to the polls in Florida. It might not have been by one vote, but certainly every vote counted.

In 2006 - Connecticut's 2nd U.S. Congressional seat was won by Joe Courtney with 121,252 votes to Rob Simmons' 121,158: a difference of only 94 votes.

In 2008 - Stockton, California: The Stockton Unified School Trustee Area No. 3 seat was won by one vote. Jose Morales received 2,302 votes while Anthony Silva received 2,301.

In 2008 - Minnesota voters cast 2.9 million votes in their US Senate race that was decided by as few as 200 votes (1/1000th of one %).

In 2010 - In Nevada, the Nye County Primary contest for County Commissioner District IV was a dead heat with both Butch Borasky and Carl Moore receiving 381 votes. In the

Lincoln County primary, the District Attorney race was decided by only 3 votes.

Voting affects everything from tax dollars to education, healthcare, immigration, infrastructure, the economy, national security, the military, and veterans. Increasing the number of people that vote in any election means smarter representation for everyone.

C. J. Hatcher, WAC President

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WAC Heard from U.S. Senate Candidate Jonathan Emord at Our March Luncheon

Jonathan Emord is running in the GOP primary to be the nominee to unseat Virginia's current U.S. Senator Tim Kaine. On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, members of the Women for the American Constitution heard him describe in detail his background and policy positions. Jonathan is a Constitutional law and litigation expert who has won more cases against the "Deep State" federal Food and Drug Administration than any other attorney in American history. Some of the policy positions he intends to take if elected include: protect children from abuse; protect parents' rights; enforce the Equal Protection Clause; ensure election integrity; remove prosecutors who refuse to prosecute; protect the right to work; secure America's borders; restore law and order; remove impediments to fossil fuels; and protect the First Amendment, among others. More information on Mr. Emord and other primary candidates along with links to their websites is included on subsequent pages in this newsletter.





Letter from Our Election Integrity Committee Chair Karen Juul-Nielsen:

It seems like we just finished a primary and here comes another one! Early voting for the June 18 dual primary election **begins May 3 and ends June 15**. Less than half of all registered voters voted in the last election. How different the election results could have been had more folks voted. We need to do everything possible to change these statistics, and we need your time, talent and treasure to be successful!

Our approach is multi-pronged, and below are the areas of need and contact information for the person who can get you connected for ultimate success:

Get Out The Vote (GOTV) – Donna Gray, 252-717-6891; donnadgray@yahoo.com raising awareness of the election with door knocking and encouraging voter registration and early in-person absentee voting.

Tents & Tables (T&T) – Connie Sylvester, 434-466-9101; sylvestercrew8@gmail.com setting up precinct captains to manage greeting voters, answering questions and distributing literature on election day.

Poll Watcher (PW) – Lori Murphy, 703-635-9560; barnett.lori.va@gmail.com training and scheduling poll watchers as authorized representatives of a party/candidate; PW is allowed in the polling place both on election day and during early voting to observe and take notes regarding the election process.

Election Officers (EO) – Karen Juul-Nielsen, 713-806-8385; karenjn@fastmail.com recruit and encourage people to train for becoming election officers and advancing to become Chiefs/Assistant Chiefs at the precinct. Analyze data and attend Electoral Board (EB) meetings to observe actions of EB and make recommendations to improve the integrity of the electoral process, including striving for parity of parties.

Voting Machine Testing – Karen (above) DS 200 voting machines (about 35) must be tested to ensure they are accurate before each election; each party is allowed one representative to observe this process; requires a letter of authorization from Party chair.

Your most important job is to educate yourself about the candidates and process and then share that valuable information with family, friends, neighbors, and all those in your circle of influence. Ballotpedia.org is an excellent website to study. Please also reach out to any of the above folks who would be happy to answer your questions about

how you can get involved and contribute to a fair and successful election.

Lastly, running a campaign/political organization is expensive. It costs a lot of money to maintain websites, pay staff, print signs, pay for transportation and the list goes on. Please consider making financial donations to your favorite candidates(s) and to the local party organizations. Every dollar helps – THANK YOU!



Virginia GOP Candidates for the US Senate

This year, Virginia has five GOP candidates running for the nomination for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Tim Kaine. The primary to determine the winner will be held on June 18, 2024. The winner of the primary will challenge Kaine in the general election on November 5, 2024. Below is a brief background on each candidate which was taken largely verbatim from their websites in an effort to reflect different candidate approaches to their campaign; a summary of their positions on issues is also included. All opinions in the information are opinions of each individual candidate reflected on their website, and not necessarily those of WAC's newsletter editor.



Hung Cao

Retired Navy Captain Hung Cao came to the United States as a refugee from Vietnam in 1975. After a few years in West Africa, Hung moved to Virginia as a child and is a proud member of the inaugural graduating class of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria. He was commissioned as a Special Operations Officer (Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Deep Sea Diving) from the United States Naval Academy, and served with special operations in Iraq,

Afghanistan, and Somalia. Hung's non-combat assignments included balancing the Navy's \$140 billion budget at the Pentagon, working with Homeland Security, and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Hung received his Masters degree in physics from the Naval Postgraduate School, and fellowships at MIT and Harvard. He and his wife April are the parents of five children. After their thirteenth move across the United States, and around the world, Hung and April moved their family home to Purcellville, Virginia where they have been active in their community and church.

Issues

- **Border Security** – Will stop the invasion by building the wall, using advanced technology, and supporting our border states.
- **DEI/CRT** – Diversity of thought and experience, not racial quotas, are the foundations for success. Indoctrination has no place in our schools or businesses. Every parent has a right to decide what is best for their family and every child has the right to be educated in a safe, challenging learning environment without the pressure of the leftist agenda.
- **Economy** – America has been a place of unlimited opportunity birthed by the promise of individual liberty. Those opportunities are being threatened. We must regain our energy independence and stop outsourcing and off-shoring American jobs. We must be proactive by putting in place bold American energy and manufacturing policies so we can remain the standard-bearer for the free world.
- **Education** – We are the wealthiest country in the history of the world. Our schools should be excellent and parents should have the power to take their tax dollars to the school of their choice if they feel their child's education is not up to their standard.
- **Election Integrity** – We demand election integrity. It should be easy to vote, hard to cheat, and open for all to see. An ID should be required to vote.
- **Foreign Policy** – The four levels of national power are Diplomacy, Information, Military and Economy (DIME). The military is the last resort when all else fails. Biden has been feckless in all aspects of DIME. We need a strong national defense and vibrant economic development.
- **Guns** – The Constitution is clear regarding the second amendment. Hung will always protect the right to self-defense. Gun related violence must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- **Right to Life** – Hung is pro-life.
- **Social Security and Medicare** – Hung will protect it. No gimmicks, no tricks, no schemes.
- **Veterans** – Our military must have the resources it needs to face growing instability around the world.

If you would like to learn more about Hung Cao or contribute to his campaign, please go to his campaign website at: <https://www.hungforva.com/>



Jonathan Emord

Jonathan graduated from the University of Illinois (BA, political science and history, 1982) and DePaul University College of Law (JD, 1985). He served as an attorney in the Federal Communications Commission during the Reagan administration. A leading constitutional law and litigation expert, he is the author of five critically acclaimed books. He has won more cases against the Food and Drug Administration in federal court than any other attorney in American history, earning him the nickname "FDA Dragon Slayer." Jonathan has a unique, detailed knowledge of the federal bureaucracy, the deep state. He knows how to defeat it. He is a columnist for [Townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com), [PJMedia.com](https://www.pjmedia.com), [Americangreatness.com](https://www.americangreatness.com), and the U.S.A. Today Magazine. He frequently appears on national radio and television programs. He is married to Sheryl Emord, and they have two children, twins Justice and Angelica. They reside in Clifton, Virginia.

Issues

- **Protect Children from Abuse** – We must cut off all federal funding for states, school boards, and schools that authorize school employees or contractors to recommend that students under the age of 18 alter their genders or convince minors it is possible to alter their genders through surgery or hormone therapy.
- **Protect Parents' Rights** – We must remove Department of Justice jurisdiction over schools, school boards, and parents in all instances of protest by parents against those institutions; never again allowing an Attorney General of the U.S. to target parents for exercising their First Amendment rights.
- **Enforce Equal Protection Clause** – We must cut off all federal funding for states, school boards, and schools that adopt a curriculum that violates the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause by teaching CRT.
- **Ensure Election Integrity** – We must ensure election integrity and accessibility for all Americans. We must secure elections and support voter ID, end ballot harvesting, and require an automatic independent audit of votes in each state to ferret out instances of fraud and ensure accuracy in the tabulation of votes.
- **Remove Prosecutors Who Refuse to Prosecute** – Remove prosecutors who refuse to prosecute crime, a violation of their constitutional oaths of office.
- **Protect the Right to Work** – Jonathan favors right to work laws that give private sector employees the

freedom to choose whether or not to join a union and that make it optional for employees to pay union dues or membership fees, whether members of a union or not. He also opposes laws that grant public employees collective bargaining rights.

- **Secure America's Borders** -- We must restore the remain in Mexico policy, build the border wall, invoke the State Self-Defense Clause of the US Constitution and give block grants to border states willing to defend the border from illegal entry for the purpose of hiring more police and national guard troops to arrest, detain, and evict illegal entrants.
- **Restore Law and Order** – We must increase funding and support for law enforcement across the US.
- **Remove Impediments to Fossil Fuels** – We must eliminate all federal, state, and local regulatory impediments to fossil fuel production.
- **Protect the First Amendment** -- We must vigorously re-establish freedom of speech and press by prohibiting censorship and stripping the speech police of their powers. We must restore the wide-open, robust idea and information marketplace that is the engine of freedom and progress, the spark of innovation, and the crucible out of which truth is revealed, corruption is checked, and falsehood is vanquished.

If you would like to learn more about Jonathan Emord or contribute to his campaign, please go to his campaign website at: <https://www.emordforva.com/>



Eddie Garcia

Eddie Garcia has had an exemplary career in the military, serving as a 22-year Army veteran. During his service, he completed six combat deployments, three in Iraq and three in Afghanistan.

He was also an essential member of the special operations community for 14 years, after which time he commanded paratroopers in the 82D Airborne Division. Eddie spent five years serving as a national security advisor and legislative liaison, working closely with policy experts, legislators, and the Pentagon to pass legislation that enhances national security, supports Gold Star families and protects the welfare of veterans. He is the Owner/Founder of the MIL-VETS Mobile Integration App, which services veterans, military spouses and veteran-business owners. Eddie has a Masters in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University, a Masters in Information Technology from the University of Maryland Global Campus, and a Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Maryland

Global Campus. He has been married to his wife, Veronica, for 16 years and they have two daughters, Angelina and Aaliyah.

Issues

- **Faith** – Eddie is a Catholic Christian who will support focused programs targeted to lift families from poverty, reduce the unhoused, provide healthful food and nutrition options for children, and invest in clean, drinkable water.
- **Family** – Eddie will support the nuclear family by increasing the child tax credit to lessen the financial burden of raising children, expand and increase adoption services, pass laws that make it more difficult for corporations to fire their employees and send their jobs overseas.
- **Pro-Life** – Eddie is pro-life. He will fight to expand maternity care, increase crisis pregnancy centers, increase the federal child tax credit, increase access to adoption, ensure that needy children have access to healthful foods, and that the elderly can grow old and retire with the dignity and respect they deserve.
- **Veterans** – Eddie is a strong supporter of our veterans and started a tech company focused on quickly connecting veterans to the transition services they need most.
- **Constitutional Rights for All** – Eddie will work every day to protect our Rights.
- **Education** – We need a robust education system with sound principles, parental involvement, and free from political agendas. Eddie supports school choice, and making homeschooling easier and more affordable. He will work to stop colleges from price-gouging our youth; and will promote trade and skilled apprentice programs.
- **Term Limits** – Eddie supports term limits and has pledged to co-sponsor legislation that limits senators to 2 terms.
- **Housing Affordability** – Eddie wants to make housing more affordable by expanding the low-income tax credit for affordable housing, introducing and passing a bill that would require block grants in the HUD appropriations bill to be designated for affordable housing developments, and require that these new funds only be released if state and local governments fast track affordable housing developments.
- **Supporting Seniors** – Eddie will introduce legislation that eliminates all taxes on retirement accounts for America's seniors and restricts

state governments from taxing the primary residence of Americans 65 and older.

- **Immigration** – Eddie will enhance border security by increasing funding for Customs and Border Patrol personnel, equipment, and barriers; triple the number of asylum judges; simplify the process for legal immigrants qualified to fill critical business and national security needs; and eliminate the Diversity Visa Program.

If you would like to learn more about Eddie Garcia or contribute to his campaign, please go to his campaign website at: <https://www.eddiegarciava.com/>



Scott Parkinson

Scott Parkinson is a Christian, husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend, and conservative Virginian. He has lived in Arlington with his wife and growing family since 2009.

Scott has 18 years of experience taking on the swamp to advance the conservative movement, working for three United States Senators before serving as the Executive Director of the Republican Study Committee. In 2018, Scott was Representative Ron DeSantis' Chief of Staff while DeSantis successfully won the Governor race in Florida. After serving as DeSantis' deputy executive director of his Gubernatorial transition team in Tallahassee, Scott joined the Club for Growth as Vice President of Government Affairs, where he has advocated for economic freedom, opportunity, and liberty.

Scott believes it is time for new conservative leaders like him to step up and run for political office because too many career politicians like Tim Kaine and Joe Biden have failed the American People and are completely disconnected from economic and cultural reality.

Virginia Deserves an Honest Leader -- Over the last three years, politicians like Tim Kaine and Joe Biden have waged an outright war on the Middle Class through skyrocketing inflation, locking parents out of classrooms, and letting crime run rampant in our communities. Tim Kaine has been on the ballot 9 times, held elected office for almost 30 years, and enabled these out-of-touch policies by voting with Bernie Sanders 94% of the time. That's why Virginia deserves an honest leader like Scott Parkinson who will fight for term limits on Members of Congress.

Scott strongly believes the role of our federal government is that of a Constitutionally limited Republic with an explicit

separation of powers to protect and defend our unalienable God-given rights within the powers vested in the Constitution to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branch.

A Warrior for the Middle Class -- Scott will be a warrior for the middle class, honing in on the fiscal insanity in Washington, championing economic growth policies, defending parental rights in education, and restoring public safety on our streets. Scott will fight for parents' rights, veterans' benefits against the bureaucracy, and senior citizens against Leftist radicals that want to end Medicare as we know it.

It's time to step up and make a difference. And in 2024, Virginians will unite to defeat Kaine and Biden and allow for a new era of political leadership that's focused on improving the lives of all people in all communities, ending inflation, stopping wokeism, and restoring our freedoms.

Scott resides in Arlington, Virginia with his wife, Cortlynn, and their four children – Natalynn, Paislynn, Raelynn, and Prescott. The Parkinson Family attends Cherrydale Baptist in Arlington.

If you would like to learn more about Scott Parkinson or contribute to his campaign, please go to his campaign website at: <https://scottparkinson.com/>



Chuck Smith

Chuck was born July 4, 1952 in Greensboro, North Carolina. At the age of five, he and his mother moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he completed grade school and high school.

Upon high school graduation in 1970 at age 17, Chuck joined the U.S. Marine Corps — at a time when many young Americans were dodging the draft or fleeing to Canada, Mexico and Europe because of the dangers and unpopularity of the Vietnam War. Chuck graduated from boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, and served two years of active duty in the Marine infantry (1970 to 1972). Chuck says joining the Marines was one of the best decisions he ever made. He states the Corps taught him the importance of discipline and leadership, how to work as a team, and the virtues of honor, courage, and commitment.

Following military service, Chuck attended North Carolina Central University for six years (1972-1978) where he obtained two degrees — a Bachelor of Science Degree in political science in 1975 and a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) Degree in law in 1978.

While attending law school, he also qualified for and completed the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocate General (JAG) student program. In 1979 Chuck was commissioned a U.S. Navy legal officer, where he served for 26 years (active, inactive, and reserve service). During this 20-year naval career, he served as a prosecutor, defense counsel, administrative discharge officer, plus a prestigious assignment as a special assistant to a U.S. attorney.

After active duty, Chuck opened his own law office and began a legal career that has spanned more than 40 years. Chuck is a licensed attorney in both Virginia and Iowa. From 2006 to 2008, Chuck served as the chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia Beach — the largest Republican Party city committee in Virginia.

Chuck and his wife Edith have five children, one of who is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate. Chuck is fluent in Spanish.

Platform

Chuck Smith is running for a seat in the United States Senate to restore integrity and bring needed experience, believing that it is vital that Virginians have renewed faith that the United States Constitution and Virginia Constitution and the laws thereunder will be enforced throughout Virginia.

As a member of the U.S. Senate, Chuck will:

1. **Stop** the *shredding* of the U.S. Constitution, the greatest document written by man. Ensure its provisions are equally enforced at all levels of government.
2. **Protect** Virginia's 2nd Amendment rights "*to keep and bear arms.*"
3. **Protect** "*life from conception until natural death.*"
4. **Enforce** laws against illegal immigration to protect all Virginians.
5. **Fight** for Virginia freedoms against the encroachment of government on issues that matter to Virginians.
6. **Review and redress** the liberal agenda of the 2020 Virginia General Assembly.
7. **Restore** the winning tradition of the Republican Party of Virginia after 11 straight statewide losses.

If you would like to learn more about Chuck Smith or contribute to his campaign, please go to his campaign website at: <https://chucksmithva.com/>



GOP Candidates for Virginia's 5th Congressional District Race

This year, we have two GOP candidates running in the primary for the 5th Congressional District seat: John McGuire is challenging incumbent Bob Good for the Republican nomination. The primary to determine the winner will be held on June 18, 2024. The winner of the primary will challenge the Democrat nominee in the general election on November 5, 2024. Below is a brief background on each candidate which was largely taken from their websites in an effort to reflect different candidate approaches to their campaigns; a summary of their positions on issues is also included. Issue positions were gleaned from campaign websites and other online sources. All opinions in the information are opinions of each individual candidate reflected on their website and in other sources, and not necessarily those of WAC's newsletter editor.



Bob Good

In his first two terms, Congressman Bob Good has established himself as one of the leading conservative voices in Washington. He was elected by his peers to the board of the House Freedom Caucus after his first year, due to his demonstrated courage and commitment to his principles. Now, he is serving as the Chairman of the House Freedom Caucus. Bob also serves on the House Budget Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee.

Bob Good graduated from Liberty University in 1988 with a degree in finance. He was then hired by CitiFinancial in their lending division. During his 17-year tenure, Bob ascended from branch manager, to area training director, and eventually to district manager, overseeing operations in

northern Georgia, southeastern Tennessee, and ultimately central and southwest Virginia.

Bob left CitiFinancial in 2005 to accept a position as Sr. Associate Athletic Director for Development and Executive Director of the Flames Club at his alma mater, Liberty University. During his nearly 15 years at Liberty, he raised \$20 million to help student athletes from all backgrounds experience the opportunity to receive an outstanding Christ-centered education while competing in NCAA Division I athletics. Bob completed his MBA in Leadership from Liberty in 2010.

Bob is a born-again Christian, and his devotion to his faith is the guiding influence in his life. He served more than 15 years as an adult Sunday school teacher, and for 10 years as a church deacon.

Elected to office in 2015, Bob served on the Campbell County Board of Supervisors and completed his term in December 2019. During his time on the Board, Bob was known for his staunch positions on reducing taxes and regulations, encouraging economic growth, and prioritizing funding for law enforcement and public safety. In addition, Bob was a vocal supporter of the Second Amendment, preservation of our right-to-work laws, and protector of the rights of individual property owners.

Bob has been married to his wife, Tracey, for over 35 years and is the proud father of three grown children, Patrick, married to Brittany and with son Zander, they are expecting a new baby girl due in April 2024. His daughter Sydney is looking forward to launching her teaching career this fall. Conner is married to Victoria and they have one daughter, Lila, and they live in the 5th district.

Issues

- **Law and Order** – Law enforcement is critical to ensuring the safety of all citizens. As your representative, Bob will work on: 1. Creating a Law Enforcement Bill of Rights to protect those who protect us; 2. Increasing funding for law enforcement; 3. Making crimes against law enforcement a hate crime; 4. Protecting law enforcement officers and their families from assault and harassment; 5. Protecting law enforcement officers from frivolous civil actions; 6. Protecting law enforcement from consequences of rightful/reasonable actions.
- **Economic/Trade Policy** – Bob supports initiatives that maintain and grow American jobs for American workers. He will work to: 1. Help create an economic and regulatory environment that facilitates entrepreneurial development and business growth; 2. Support tax cuts for individuals and businesses; 3. Simplify the federal tax code; 4. Reduce needless

regulations; 5. Restore American energy independence; 6. Expand American free and fair trade and promote open markets; 7. Penalize foreign governments for the theft of American intellectual property; 8. Preserve the right to work for all Americans.

- **Immigration Policy** – Responsible immigration policies strengthen our country; unchecked immigration is a threat. Bob will work to: 1. End chain migration; 2. Improve and increase border enforcement and funding; 3. End birthright tourism; 4. End the Diversity Visa Program and end visa overstay; 5. Make E-Verify mandatory; 6. Strengthen our immigration identification system; 7. End amnesty and rewards for illegal immigrants.
- **Abortion Policy** – Human life is a precious gift from God. The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights. Bob will work to: 1. Make the Hyde Amendment permanent; 2. Prohibit all federal funding of abortion providers and supporters; 3. Have a Human Life Amendment enshrined in the US Constitution; 4. Protect the rights of anti-abortion healthcare providers; 5. Fight hard to defeat all attempts to pass pro-abortion bills; 6. Sponsor a heartbeat bill recognizing and protecting life from conception.
- **Second Amendment** – The right to keep and bear arms is fundamental to the foundation of America. Without the right of self-protection, tyranny is left unchecked and government encroachment on individual rights ensues.
- **Rural Broadband** – Broadband internet is essential in our society. Bob will work to: 1. Strengthen Trump's rural infrastructure program; 2. Support the funding of the FCC's Universal Service Fund to grow high quality telecommunications services to rural areas; 3. Promote free, fair, open market solutions for broadband expansion.
- **Energy** – Bob supports American energy independence. He will work to: 1. Remove burdensome energy regulations; 2. Encourage all forms of responsible domestic energy development; 3. Incentivize appropriate environmental stewardship; fight the influence of environmental and climate extremism; 4. Eliminate barriers that reduce our energy exports to the global market.

If you would like to learn more about Bob Good or contribute to his campaign, please go to his campaign website at: <https://www.bobgoodforcongress.com/>





John McGuire

Fearless, Unapologetic, Christian, Conservative

John McGuire was born and raised in Central Virginia. As a child, he was abandoned and spent his early childhood years in the foster care system, attending nine different elementary schools. By the grace of God, his grandparents rescued him and his older sister from the foster care system and raised them until John graduated from high school in 1988.

Service

Following high school graduation, John felt a call to service that led him to join the United States Navy. He served ten years as a Navy SEAL deploying to countries all across the world defending our nation against evil before returning home to Virginia in 1998.

Back in his hometown in Central Virginia, John founded his small business, SEAL Team PT Inc., a fitness organization dedicated to helping teams and individuals become stronger, healthier and more confident. 25 years later, his company is well-renowned for changing people's lives and helping train Division I athletes and corporations all over the world. In addition to running a successful business, John is also a highly regarded motivational speaker.

Faith

John has never been known to back down from adversity. When tragedy struck in 2006, John was told he would never walk again. But through his sheer determination and by the grace of God, John was able to overcome a life-altering injury. John is using that second chance to be a servant-leader who fights for our Christian conservative values every day.

Leadership

John understands that teamwork is one of the greatest keys to success in life. From his experience in the SEALs, running a successful business, and raising a family, John knows that by bringing people together anything is possible through hard work and determination. As a member of the Virginia General Assembly, John has always focused on good policy, not politics. Whether it's fighting to secure better services for our veterans, law enforcement, and first responders, tackling heroin/opioid epidemic, or making sure our tax dollars are being used efficiently, John knows what it takes to bring people together to find a solution to any problem. As a husband and father of five, he understands the importance of building a true partnership

between our families, our communities, and our government. John and his wife, Tracy, currently reside in Goochland County with their dog, Remi.

Issues

John McGuire is running on his legislative record of accomplishment which includes fighting to secure better services for our veterans, law enforcement, and first responders, tackling the Heroin/Opioid epidemic, and making sure our tax dollars are being used efficiently.

Examples of legislation sponsored by McGuire and enacted into law include:

SB7 – Provides among other things, that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to safeguard all individuals within the Commonwealth from unlawful discrimination in employment and in places of public accommodation because of such individual's ethnic origin and prohibits such discrimination.

SB151 -- Reduces the Department of Motor Vehicles fee for the issuance of an original, duplicate, reissue, or renewal special identification card without a photograph from \$10 per year with a \$20 minimum fee to \$2 per year with a \$10 minimum fee.

SB222 -- Exempts cybersecurity information, defined in the bill, from the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act while in possession of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA).

SB367 -- Creates a Task Force on Fentanyl and Heroin Enforcement whose purpose is to study ways to enhance the ability of law-enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth to combat the illegal manufacturing, importation, and distribution of fentanyl, heroin, and other similar controlled substances.

SB469 -- Makes it a Class 6 felony for any person, except for permitted manufacturers, to possess, purchase, sell, give, distribute, or possess with intent to sell, give, or distribute an encapsulating machine or a tableting machine that manufactures, compounds, converts, produces, processes, prepares, or otherwise introduces into the human body a controlled substance. The bill makes it a Class 5 felony if such person knows, intends, or has reasonable cause to believe that such action will result in the unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance.

SB603 -- Directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in collaboration with other departments to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to study and

make recommendations related to prioritizing treatment for incarcerated women who are pregnant and in need of substance abuse treatment.

SB630 -- Adds a dispatcher, including a dispatcher employed by the Department of State Police, to the definition of a public safety officer for purposes of possible selection by the Governor for the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor, presented for performance above and beyond the call of duty involving extraordinary valor in the face of grave danger, at great personal risk.

If you would like to learn more about John McGuire or contribute to his campaign, please go to his campaign website at: <https://www.mcguireva.com/>



Foreign Influence in State Ballot Issues

By Caitlin Sutherland, Americans for Public Trust, condensed

On a bustling street in Washington, DC, an innocuous-sounding group called the Sixteen-Thirty Fund quietly operates the most influential liberal dark-money powerhouse in the nation. Named after the year – 1630 – in which the Winthrop Fleet journeyed from England to America, the group has poured more than \$1 billion into liberal groups and causes since its inception in 2009.

A handful of top donors to Sixteen Thirty Fund have been identified: tech billionaire Pierre Omidyar, liberal megadonor George Soros, and their sister 501c(3) New Venture Fund. But none more notorious than one of their most significant backers: Swiss billionaire Hansjorg Wyss.

Mr. Wyss is a foreign national who once told a Swiss newspaper that he “never felt the need to become an American.” He claimed he found the process “too complicated,” and instead, preferred to call himself “a spiritual dual citizen.”

Despite Mr. Wyss’ disinterest in becoming an American citizen, he has leveraged his considerable wealth to influence American politics. While many liberal groups have been the beneficiaries of Mr. Wyss’ foreign cash, none have received more than Sixteen Thirty Fund. Through Berger Action Fund, the 501c(4) he controls, Mr. Wyss has funneled \$243 million into Sixteen Thirty Fund.

According to a biography written by his own sister, Mr. Wyss’ personal goal is to “(re)interpret the American Constitution in the light of progressive politics.”

To that end, Sixteen Thirty Fund uses its war chest – which includes Mr. Wyss’ hundreds of millions of dollars – to support massive get-out-the-vote drives, issue advocacy campaigns bolstering President Biden’s agenda, liberal pet projects from abortion to immigration, and attack ads against Republican lawmakers. The group has also dumped tens of millions of dollars into state ballot issues.

The report below analyzes the ways the Sixteen Thirty Fund weaponizes ballot issue campaigns to support liberal political causes and candidates. The findings reveal an urgent need to close this foreign influence loophole to ensure only American citizens are influencing American politics.

Key Findings

After a thorough examination of over a decade’s worth of tax returns filed by Sixteen Thirty Fund and state campaign finance disclosures, Americans For Public Trust has identified nearly \$100 million in funding for ballot issues by Sixteen Thirty Fund across 25 states over the last 10 years.

No part of the United States has been spared from Sixteen Thirty Fund’s foreign money. Ballot initiatives in Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and Nevada have received the highest concentration of funding – ranging from ^4 million to almost \$34 million. Deep red states, like Arkansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota, have also had their ballot issues bankrolled by Sixteen Thirty Fund. The group has used the foreign-backed cash to influence state policy on abortion rights, minimum wage, paid leave, drug policy, and voting rights.

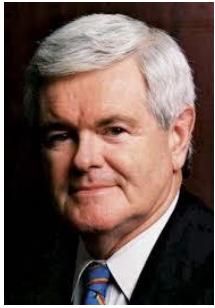
What is a Ballot Issue?

A ballot issue is a form of direct democracy that allows citizens to enact laws by placing legislative or constitutional proposals directly on the ballot as an alternative to the ordinary legislative process. While the issues in ballot campaigns are presented as nonpartisan and nonpolitical – and the campaigns themselves are perhaps the most direct way the voices of every individual voter can be heard – they can be strategically crafted and deployed to specifically target a given political party’s voter base.

In addition to being used to implement state policy changes, ballot issue campaigns are also used as a tactic to drive voter turnout in order to impact concurrent, contested political elections. For instance, a ballot initiative designed to appeal to liberal-leaning voters could also turn out support for a liberal officeholder who faces a competitive reelection in the same cycle.

How Can Foreigners Fund Ballot Campaigns?

Federal law prohibits foreign nationals from spending in connection with federal, state, and local candidate elections, but there is no federal prohibition against foreign nationals funding ballot issue campaigns. While some state laws restricting foreign funding of ballot initiatives exist, these laws are not widespread and more can be done to strengthen their effectiveness. Foreign influence loopholes open the door to state policies being influenced by foreign interests. Both federal and state law has long reflected the view that U.S. elections and policy should not be impacted by foreign interests and foreign funding. The fact that Sixteen Thirty Fund counts a foreign national as a top donor, while concurrently pumping almost \$100 million into ballot issues across the nation, is a pressing problem that demands attention.



Trump Fights the Left's Lawfare for the Constitutional Rights of All Americans

By Newt Gingrich, condensed

As Americans paid their taxes [on April 15], a historic event began in New York.

In a moment worthy of “On the Waterfront,” the great movie about corruption and brutality in the Big Apple, the New York system will attempt to judicially destroy the chosen champion of more than 80 million Americans.

Make no mistake about what is going to happen. It is a historic day in which corruption and the American constitutional system of freedom through the rule of law will collide. In this struggle, only one side will survive.

Former President Donald Trump will be fighting for the constitutional rights of all 333 million Americans.

As Gregg Jarrett wrote, this is a “pernicious attempt to steal an election through abuse of our legal system.” Mr. Jarrett asserted that Mr. Trump is “a victim of unscrupulous political enemies who weaponized the law to destroy him.” Remember, in seeking to destroy Mr. Trump, these corrupt judges and prosecutors are establishing a precedent to destroy any American they choose.

Mr. Jarrett said that “the most curious — and corrupt — aspect of [Manhattan District Attorney Alvin] Bragg’s case is that he still has not identified what underlying crime Trump supposedly committed.” This is a clear violation of the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees the right to know what charges are levied against the accused.

Andy McCarthy, a former federal prosecutor, said that “we’re left with the law of the jungle. A two-tiered system of justice system is no justice at all.”

Mr. McCarthy said this prosecution “will threaten the legitimacy of the justice system — on the public acceptance of which the rule of law hinges.”

He warned that this case is “as execrable an exercise of prosecutorial discretion as one can fathom.”

The case being brought against Mr. Trump is pathetically weak. As Kim Strassel of The Wall Street Journal wrote, “what we really do have here is a charge that seems to be in search of a crime.”

Collin Levy asserted that “it makes the country as well as the institutions of the U.S. government just look corrupt and awful. ... This is something that’s legally completely dubious and ethically completely horrendous.”

Serious lawyers have expressed contempt for the case against Mr. Trump.

Jeffrey Lichtman said that “this case is a joke.” Randy Zelin of Cornell Law School wrote that “this is a weak case.” Jed Handelsman Shugerman from Fordham and Boston universities said, “The Trump indictment is a legal embarrassment.”

Mr. Shugerman stated that the 34-count indictment “was a disaster. It was a setback for the rule of law and established a dangerous precedent for prosecutors. ... Instead of the rule of law, it would be the rule of the circus.”

The constant effort to persecute Mr. Trump using the power of the law and corrupting the process into a political war has educated and then infuriated millions of Americans.

The left’s vicious hostility is so public that Americans have increasingly felt called upon to defend Mr. Trump.

The unfairness and corruption of the left’s system have led to a countervailing popular movement that gains strength with every attack on Mr. Trump. Every act of contempt toward his values and supporters — and every example of the left’s failure to deliver on anything — strengthens this opposition movement.

The elites in Washington and New York cannot understand the millions of people in the rest of the country who put up Trump signs, staff Trump campaign offices, and paint “Make America Great Again” on their cars and trucks. If the choice is MAGA or a corrupt machine of left-wing arrogance and incompetence, the country has been moving steadily away from the failing extremists of the left.

The pattern has made the left even more frenzied and willing to twist and distort the law. Its members are even more ready to pretend legal absurdity is normal and prosecutorial ruthlessness is reasonable.

In a historical parallel — which the left will find absurd, but historians will understand immediately — Mr. Trump personifies America as much as Robert the Bruce personified Scotland, or Charles de Gaulle personified France.

This intense bond between champion and movement decisively carried Mr. Trump to the Republican nomination. This bond will strengthen his cause going into the fall campaign. It is in part powered by resentment at the legal corruption that seeks to deprive him of his rights — and those of millions of Americans who want him to be president again.

The only other president to lose office and then win it back after four years is former President Grover Cleveland. In a stunning parallel, Cleveland rose to national fame as a reformer taking on the corrupt Democratic machine in New York City. His supporters said of him, “we love him for the enemies he made.”

At least 80 million Americans love Mr. Trump for the enemies he has made.

The New York case will be a fascinating spectacle over the next few weeks.



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