

Citizen Legislation

*A Citizen Initiative Campaign to Save
Our Country*



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Integrity. Grit. Respect and Compromise. Humility. Gratitude. And Laugh!

Quick Summary

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Urgency

A strong majority of Americans believe our country is seriously off track and cite economic anxiety, government corruption and political polarization as the principal reasons; and our citizens are not just concerned, they are angry:

- We have a deep and worsening affordability crisis while our government doles out staggering levels of billionaire giveaways and corporate welfare in return for campaign donations;
- We are hurdling toward a debt crisis, with National Debt to GDP expected to exceed a key threshold within a few years;
- We are in the midst of a corruption crisis, with insider stock trading and other forms of graft at infuriating levels.

Perhaps worst of all, we have a crisis of trust and confidence. At a time when we most need timely and effective responses from our government, Americans are deeply skeptical those effective responses are coming with 89% believing our government is broken and corrupt. In sum, we have an affordability crisis, a deficit crisis and a corruption crisis all fueling a confidence crisis.

That's the bad news. The good news is it is all fixable. If we set aside divisive social issues, within our citizenry there is astonishingly strong consensus on the economic, healthcare and governance policies needed to end the affordability, deficit and corruption crises and restore confidence. The 2028 elections provide the leverage we need to force enactment of legislation encompassing those policies. To do so, however, will require a complete change of mindset in how we approach politics and the formation of an alliance between concerned citizens from across the ideological spectrum via a novel approach called a citizen initiative campaign.

The really good news is not only are our most immediate crises fixable, the challenges posed by the transition to a world driven by artificial intelligence and robotics are also addressable. In fact, we can not only address those challenges but also harvest the staggering opportunities AI and robotics provide. In sum, the future we can win for our children is incredible. We just have to do an end run around our broken and corrupt political system to make it happen.

So how do we do that?

A Citizen Initiative Campaign to Save Our Country

A citizen initiative campaign offers Americans an alternative to status quo politics. Instead of the traditional approach to the 2028 elections, we pursue a different approach which offers an agenda for what change we want, and a strategy for how we achieve that change. It is called a citizen initiative campaign and it involves five steps;

1. We write the legislation ourselves to end the affordability, deficit and corruption crises (referred to as Citizen Legislation) using policies that enjoy overwhelming public support across the ideological spectrum (73%/78%/82% Republican/Independent/Democrat respectively) while staying away from divisive social issues;
2. We persuade a strong majority of Americans to support the legislation;
3. We evidence that support by having Citizen Legislation become the leading contender in Republican and Democratic polls for the upcoming 2028 elections (asking our supporters to tell pollsters the candidate they support in the upcoming election is Citizen Legislation);
4. We use that very visible support, plus the threat of withholding our votes for any politician that does not support Citizen Legislation, to pressure enactment.
5. We elect a competent administration to implement Citizen Legislation, followed by a second legislative proposal called Rethink Everything that provides a suite of policies to address comprehensively the challenges and opportunities posed by the transition to a world driven by artificial intelligence and robotics.

End The Affordability Crisis – Stop Spending on this and Start Spending on That

The most pressing issue facing our country is the affordability crisis. Citizen Legislation's approach to ending it is best described as "stop spending on this and start spending on that." The enactment of Citizen Legislation would end a staggering array of corporate welfare and billionaire giveaways being doled out by our elected leaders via our tax code and healthcare industry ("stop spending on this"). It then redirects that money primarily to affordability policies ("start spending on that"). It is summarized below:

(\$ Trillions - Ten Years)

Stop Spending on This...

End Tax Loopholes for the Wealthy (The Buffet Rule)	\$ 1.87
Reduce Tax Cheating by the Wealthy	1.05
Restructure Healthcare	17.74
Save Social Security (The Wealthy Put in More and Take Out Less)	1.15
Total	<u>\$ 21.81</u>

...And Start Spending on That

Fund Affordability Initiatives	\$ 20.21
Reduce Deficit	1.60
Total	<u>\$ 21.81</u>

Affordability Initiatives

Working Family Tax Relief	\$ 1.20
Universal Healthcare	10.44
Universal Eldercare	0.77
Universal Child Care	1.90
Avoid Social Security Benefit Cut	2.65
Address Climate Change	1.90
Provide Relief to State and Local Governments	1.34
Total	<u>\$ 20.21</u>

Affordability/Capita

\$ 49,598

Average Family of Four Affordability Improvement \$ 198,391

The affordability policies are particularly impactful, with total funding of \$20.21 trillion equal to \$49,598 per capita, meaning an average family of four would receive roughly \$200,000 of affordability improvements over the ten years following enactment of Citizen Legislation.

End The Deficit Crisis

The remaining \$1.60 trillion is used for deficit reduction. Citizen Legislation also triggers a Blue-Ribbon Commission to review defense, ICE and other spending post enactment; This will result in significant additional deficit reductions and a near balanced budget within ten years.

End The Corruption Crisis

Citizen Legislation also has governance policies to end our corruption crisis including an enforceable code of ethics (which among other measures bans stock trading by

politicians), lobbying reforms, and policies to reduce the influence of money in politics among other measures. It also has other policies to reduce the strong hold narrow bands of more extremist voters have on our government, for example the end of Congressional district gerrymandering

Rethink Everything

The enactment of Citizen Legislation would be followed one to two years later by a second legislative package called Rethink Everything. This legislation is a suite of domestic legislative proposals and enhancements to international treaties done in concert with our allies to address comprehensively the transition to a world driven by AI and robotics. Rethink Everything would fundamentally transform current legacy policies that are completely unsuited for this transition. For example, our current tax code would be modified substantially to reduce taxes on human labor while increasing taxes on artificial intelligence, robots and autonomous vehicles, all done in close cooperation with our allies. Other policies would include a rethink of our current retirement, housing, savings, education, mental health wellness, transportation, urban planning, power generation, social safety net, child achievement, environmental, labor, manufacturing and national defense policies among others.

The Bottom Line

Citizen Legislation would end the affordability, deficit and corruption crises gripping our nation and get our country “back on the rails.” Rethink Everything would deliver a transformational impact to our citizens and win a future for our children that is nothing short of incredible. In sum, this citizen initiative campaign is the best opportunity we have to save our country and hand to our children a country better than the one handed to us.

Join the Movement, Take the Pledge, Spread the Word and Accept the 3rd Challenge

Given the deep and justified skepticism that pursuing the traditional political process in the 2028 elections will not deliver the massive course correction our country so desperately needs, we need to find another way. And that other way is absolutely available to us, we simply need to choose it. Via a citizen initiative campaign we can tap into the near universal concern Americans have about our current direction and the overwhelming consensus of the change that needs to happen with an immediate focus of ending the affordability, deficit and corruption crises paralyzing our nation. Following that we will move to address the challenges and opportunities of the transition to a world driven by AI and robotics and fulfill a sacred responsibility – to leave our children a country better than the one handed to us.

Please go to our website citileg.org, register and take the pledge:

“I agree to tell pollsters the candidate I support in the 2028 election is Citizen Legislation.”

Once Citizen Legislation starts to appear in the polls we will then ask you to take a second pledge:

“I agree to vote only for those politicians who support Citizen Legislation”

To help spread the word, also accept the 3³ Challenge. Commit to recruit three people who will take the pledge, who in turn commit to find three more who will do same (once registered you will receive a link you can use to refer people to our website; when your referrals use that link and take the pledge we can attribute them to you and you will see a summary of who you have recruited to take the pledge and who they have in turn referred. Once you have three referrals who have referred three more then you will have met the 3³ Challenge). Also once registered you will be able to see the number of total people who have taken the pledge (the whole pie) in addition to the total number of people you have referred (your slice of the pie).

The website has a range of materials describing Citizen Legislation which you can use at your discretion to help spread the word including a suggested Powerpoint presentation for in person meetings or online forums. Lastly there is an “Ask the Peterbot” AI replica of our founder that will answer any questions about the legislation or our strategies.

We intend to grow as a completely de-centralized grass roots movement. You may contact us at contact@citleg.org with any questions or input and we are particularly interested in talking to citizens who live in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina in advance of the Presidential primaries to understand how we can support your efforts.

Disclosure – We have no external funding, are not asking for money and are capitalized solely by a modest financial contribution from our Founder. We do require a valid email address to register and a zip code; first and last name are requested but optional. Emails will be used solely for providing updates on our progress.

Mission, Strategy, Values and Culture

The mission of Citizen Legislation is the enactment of legislation that provides the transformational change our country so desperately needs. Our strategy for doing so is faith, specifically faith that there is a strong majority of Americans who are extremely concerned about the direction of our country and willing to consider an alternative approach to politics if it is credible, specific and actionable. We will focus on where Americans agree and not focus where they do not, with an immediate goal of ending the affordability, deficit and corruption crises via policies that enjoy overwhelming support

across the ideological spectrum. This is followed by a later legislative package to address comprehensively the issues and opportunities posed by AI and robotics.

To make all of this happen we will rely on a culture we set at Citizen Legislation of collegial-collaborative-constructive which will be driven by our six core values:

- Integrity: The foundation of all;
- Grit; We have a lot of challenges to overcome and will need to “grit it out”;
- Respect and Compromise: All opinions will be heard and respected but the willingness to compromise is valued as a strength, not a weakness;
- Humility: We will have the humility to use the best ideas regardless of source and to reevaluate constantly our strategies and methods;
- Gratitude: Our Constitution gives us all the tools we need to course correct our country. We share a love of country and a common humanity and are united in mission and purpose, to give our children a country better than the one we inherited from our parents. And we are so incredibly grateful for these blessings;
- And Laugh! Just because we face incredible challenges and the consequences of failure are catastrophic – doesn’t mean we can’t have a little fun!