

★ PATRIOTS CIRCLE ★



THE PROBLEM

Our democracy is more fragile than ever. Congress is paralyzed by partisan gridlock and cannot address the long-term challenges facing our country. Long-standing ethical norms and laws are being violated. Dark money is playing an ever-increasing role in our politics. Foreign actors are tampering with our elections. Voters feel alienated from their government and question its ability to deliver results for their families and communities. Simply put, our country needs an historic wave of reforms that strengthen our democracy.

THE SOLUTION

Fortunately, the public, media and elected officials are increasingly aware of and concerned by the threats facing our democracy. Based on this alarm, and the rapid deterioration of the basic functioning of our government, there is a growing consensus that now is the time for change. Vast majorities of citizens support reform: more than four in five voters in the 2018 election support bipartisan political reform – including 85 percent of Democrats, 81 percent of independents, and 78 percent of Republicans. Enter Issue One, the leading cross-partisan political reform group in Washington founded to fix democracy first. We unite Republicans, Democrats, and independents in a uniquely bipartisan strategy to fix our broken political system.

OUR IMPACT

Since 2014, Issue One has been building a cross-partisan movement for change. We have organized and built a credible, well-connected community that is energized and committed to fixing the political system, including 200 former members of Congress and 32 current members of Congress whose working group is committed exclusively to political reform. We have helped craft and build support for two bipartisan pieces of federal legislation – one to advance transparency in online advertising and one to improve enforcement of existing election laws. We have also held the Trump administration accountable for its multiple conflicts of interests and ethical lapses. Our high-quality investigations and reports make waves and help establish new conversations about the need for reform. Our Rebuild Congress Initiative has engaged more than 60 Republican and Democratic members of Congress to help create the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress.

JOIN US

Our democracy ought to meet our nation's greatest challenges and our people's greatest needs. Issue One is at the forefront of a cross-partisan movement that is seizing this historic and urgent moment to enact bold and durable political reform. Please join our Patriots Circle with a gift of \$10,000 or more per year and become a partner in our mission to restore our democracy.

The Patriots Circle is an opportunity to provide leadership within the democracy reform movement with a lower time commitment than board membership and to partner with Issue One in our efforts to restore and renew our democracy.

We offer Patriots Circle members unique opportunities to engage with Issue One leadership, ReFormers Caucus members, as well as with peers, for providing thought leadership and to learn how to leverage your political giving for reform. Specific benefits of membership are described below.

PATRIOTS CIRCLE BENEFITS	FOUNDERS CIRCLE \$100,000+ ANNUALLY OR 3-YEAR \$250,000 COMMITMENT	DEMOCRACY DEFENDER CIRCLE \$50,000-\$99,999 ANNUALLY OR 3-YEAR \$125,000 COMMITMENT	WE THE PEOPLE CIRCLE \$10,000-\$49,999 ANNUALLY OR 3-YEAR \$25,000 COMMITMENT
One annual private call or meeting with RFC co-chairs former Reps. Tim Roemer, Zach Wamp, or Connie Morella			
Two private calls and one private dinner per year with CEO Nick Penniman and/or Executive Director Meredith McGehee for up to the minute updates on Issue One progress and activities, assessment of political climate and an insider's take on the elections and exciting candidates			
"Leaders of Tomorrow" call with Issue One's Weston Wamp, Tyler Cole, or Bill Gray on their vision for reform			
Invitations to attend Capitol Hill events and meetings with Issue One senior leadership and legislative staff as well as events at which Issue One is speaking or presenting, including priority seating			
Annual Patriots Circle meeting - a day-long gathering featuring in-depth discussion and strategy on the latest topics in the democracy reform space, featuring VIP speakers			
First look at Issue One ground-breaking research and reports			
Invitations to regional events (as they occur) and to quarterly webinars			
Biannual in-depth reports describing impact of your gift			
Recognition on Issue One's website and in future annual reports			
All new Patriots Circle members will receive a welcome packet including a signed copy of "Nation on the Take," an IO lapel pin, and an orientation packet			

To make a gift to Issue One or to learn more about how your gift will make a difference in our efforts to fix our broken political system, please contact Anne Snouck-Hurgronje, Chief Development Officer, at 202-888-6769 or asnouck@issueone.org.

