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THE ANTI-CORRUPTION SAFEGUARDS

I. COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS

Overturn Citizens United & Curb Special-Interest Money

- Overturn and enact a constitutional amendment to limit outsized influence of corporations and organized money.
- Require full transparency for political spending and sponsorships.

Stop Wasteful "Use-It-or-Lose-It" Spending & Replace with Savings Reinvestment Model

- End the practice that forces agencies to rush and spend remaining funds at the end of the year just to protect their budgets.
- Allow agencies that verifiably save taxpayer funds to retain a defined percentage of those savings.
- Permit retained funds to be reinvested in modernization, staffing, technology, or improved service delivery.
- Subject all savings and reinvestment to independent audits and public reporting so taxpayers can see the results.

Core Principle: Government efficiency and honesty should be rewarded—not punished.

Eliminate Earmarking & Backroom Deals

- Ban discretionary earmarks that direct funds to pet projects.
- Require open, competitive, and needs-based processes for federal spending.

Ban Stock Trading by Public Officials

- Prohibit members of Congress, senior executive officials, immediate family members, and key staff from trading individual stocks.
- Require blind trusts or broad-based, conflict-minimized investment vehicles.
- Impose criminal penalties for insider trading and misuse of non-public, material information.
- Automatic disqualification for future office.

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Congressional Attendance & Budget Accountability

- Attendance rates for all votes must be 96% or higher for all congressional members.
- Failure to pass a complete fiscal budget and/or any government shutdown results in congressional leadership disqualification (Senate and House Majority & Minority Leaders & Whips).

II. THE PEOPLE'S CHECKS & BALANCES

Goal: Give the American people peaceful, lawful tools to check government power between elections.

No Congress Voting on Its Own Pay

- Prohibit members of Congress from directly setting or raising their own salaries.
- Use an independent commission with clear, public rules tied to performance and economic conditions.

Federal Petitions & Citizen-Initiated Measures

- Create a national framework for verified federal petitions.
- Allow citizens to initiate statutory changes or constitutional amendments once verifiable signature thresholds are reached.
- Require public hearings and recorded votes in Congress for any initiative that qualifies.

Citizen Recall Mechanisms for Federal Officials

- Create constitutional or statutory pathways to recall federal officials.
- Allow lawful removal outside normal election cycles when trust is broken.

III. ELECTION INTEGRITY & SECURITY

Goal: Make every lawful vote count, keep elections competitive, and ensure officials answer to voters—not party insiders.

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

- Eliminates vote-splitting and spoiler dynamics.
- Encourages coalition-building and reduces extremism.

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Term Limits & Fitness Standards for Federal Office

- Enact term limits for members of Congress: Senate—2 terms; House—6 terms.
- Establish a maximum age of 65 and cognitive fitness standards for federal officeholders.
- Require mandatory, independent medical evaluations, independent competency evaluations, and drug testing for those in office.

End Gerrymandering

- Establish independent redistricting commissions in every state.
- Require transparent mapping criteria, public hearings, and accessible draft maps.

Tax Credits for Voting

- Provide a modest, non-expiring tax credit for every election in which a citizen lawfully votes.
- Treat it as tax relief that rewards civic responsibility, not a handout.

Modernization for Ballot Access

- Upgrade archaic written-only petition signatures to secure online identity verification (such as ID.me, already used by IRS and Social Security) for ballot petitions, initiatives, and amendments—so citizens can lawfully participate online, not only in person.

V. EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW

Goal: End insider privileges so every public official lives under the same rules as everyone else.

End Government Liability Shields to Restore Law & Order

- End qualified immunity for all public servants, including police and elected officials.
- Repeal statutory liability shields that protect government misconduct.
- Restore robust civil liability for violations of constitutional rights.

Department of Justice: Civil Claims Department

- Create a dedicated civil claims department within the Department of Justice to handle civil claims and violations in every state and region.
- Ensure all civil claimants have access to legal representation (e.g., plaintiff's contingency arrangements where appropriate).

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Independent Enforcement of Court Orders

- Reallocate the U.S. Marshals Service to operate under the Judiciary rather than the Executive branch, removing conflicts of interest where one branch controls the force that executes judgments against it.
- Establish an independent Director of U.S. Marshals tasked with enforcing court orders across all branches.

Independent Ethics Oversight Commission

- Establish Independent Ethics Commissions at federal and state levels (minimum 9 members, appointed per law) to enforce ethical conduct for all elected/appointed officials—banning bribery, stock trading, dereliction of duty, automatic disqualification, early ejection, and conflicts of interest.
- Adjudicate violations via Disqualification Panels with juries; when finding clear and convincing evidence, the commissions may remove officials and charge them with applicable crimes.
- Require recusal by any Ethics Commissioner who faces a conflict of interest on any vote.
- Members appointed by representatives from all accredited law schools (198 schools total; 9 USA regions; 22 schools per region assign one commissioner). Commissioners must hold a bar card and teaching accreditation. Region placements randomized every selection cycle.