WASHINGTON IS OVERDUE FOR A SPRING CLEANING

Washington needs a spring cleaning. The COVID-19 fiasco proves it. Government should focus on results, not rigid rules. Good government should allow officials to do their jobs, and to be accountable. Smart government should allow citizens to use their common sense.

Common sense is dead in Washington. Just as mindless bureaucracy delayed public health officials from containing the spread of coronavirus, it disempowers teachers, raises the cost of healthcare, stifles innovation, and frustrates Americans in daily activities. Overgrown bureaucracy serves no valid purpose.

What's needed is a new governing vision focused on results. This requires a simpler framework that liberates people to roll up their sleeves and take responsibility. Americans must be free to do what’s right.

It's time to return to founding principles. The new governing vision we propose is this:
- **Give people responsibility for results**, not red tape.
- **Simplify regulatory frameworks** into coherent goals and guiding principles, more like the Constitution.
- **Replace rigid rulebooks** with personal accountability.
- **Revive core values for the public good**, such as environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility.

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IT’S A BATTLE AGAINST MINDLESS DICTATES AND WASHINGTON INERTIA.
TO FIX WHAT AILS AMERICA, WE MUST DEMAND THE RIGHT TO DO WHAT’S RIGHT.

PETITION for COMMON GOOD

We demand a government that works. New leaders get elected, but old problems don’t get fixed. Encrusted bureaucracy stifles leadership and suffocates daily freedoms. No one designed this system—regulations just piled up, almost without our noticing it, decade after decade.

Washington needs a major overhaul. It must focus on results—whether to contain a pandemic or to fix decrepit infrastructure. It must replace accumulated legal layers with simple, coherent codes that give everyone—regulator and regulated alike—the freedom to use their common sense. Doing this will be as historic as it is essential. *Unleashing the American spirit of initiative and allegiance to the common good is what will allow us to recover from COVID-19 and move our nation forward.***

I, THEREFORE, PETITION MY PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO CARRY OUT A BASIC OVERHAUL OF GOVERNMENT AT EVERY LEVEL:

- **Clean out** unnecessary laws, rules, and programs that will impede recovery of business, schools, and other institutions. Appoint independent “spring cleaning commissions” to accelerate revival and to recommend simpler regulatory frameworks moving forward.

- **Prioritize reforms** in areas that are broadly viewed to be broken, not only paralytic red tape in public health, but also the time-consuming bureaucracy in schools, hospitals, and permitting. The new frameworks should allow government to better focus on public goals, cut waste, and create clear lines of public accountability.

- **Mandate sunsets** on all public programs so that Congress periodically cleans out or adapts old laws, rules, and programs that no longer serve the public good.

I support the [Campaign for Common Good](#). Not every signatory will agree with each proposal, but we are united that sweeping reform is essential. I join with others in calling upon elected officials to stand alongside me and citizens across our nation who demand that government be overhauled so that it focuses on results, honors individual initiative, and serves the common good.

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