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AGENDA FOR GENERATIONAL EQUITY

“The First Step in Bringing Youth Voices to the Policymaking Table”

In 2013, Common Sense Action (CSA) and BPC hosted the public launch of a joint partnership, AGE—the Agenda for Generational Equity. AGE brings together Republican, Democratic, and independent Millennials from college campuses across the United States to address the most pressing issues facing their generation—fiscal responsibility, economic mobility, greater Millennial investments, and national service. Last summer, CSA brought together hundreds of young

people working in Washington to discuss policy and the political process. Many of these young leaders joined the AGE Steering Committee and drafted the framework for AGE, including CSA Co-Founder and Chief Action Officer Andrew Kaplan. “We didn’t come together as moderates to find the perfect center,” said Kaplan at the launch. “We came together as proud partisans, proud of our own beliefs. AGE is the first step in bringing youth voices to the policymaking table.”



We can’t afford to have young people on the sidelines for critical debates about our nation’s future.”

—CSA Co-Founder and CEO Sam Gilman



Members of Common Sense Action meet with Representative **John Dingell** (D-MI)



Members of Common Sense Action on Capitol Hill



Members of Common Sense Action with BPC Senior Fellow **Robert F. Bennett**

“Citizens for Political Reform is a critical movement of Americans to take our political system in the right direction. This unique and significant effort will engage the public in the implementation of the Commission on Political Reform’s bold recommendations for change.”

—BPC Senior Fellow and former Senator Olympia Snowe

CITIZENS FOR POLITICAL REFORM

It's Your Country: BPC Listens to Americans Across the Nation

Launched in May of 2013 as part of BPC’s Commission on Political Reform (CPR), Citizens for Political Reform aims to connect with Americans to address the nation’s challenges and support leaders who show the courage to work across the aisle. Citizens is based on the premise that we get the government we demand, and the effort provides voters with the tools and information they need to become politically engaged.

Currently, Citizens has these efforts in motion:

- **Bipartisan Champions.** From the Americans with Disabilities Act to Campaign Finance Reform, many significant legislative achievements have been successful due to cross-party collaboration. The Bipartisan Champions series highlights lawmakers who are working across the aisle and getting things done.

- **50 State Solutions.** There is much Washington lawmakers can learn from their state and local counterparts. The 50 State Solutions series offers examples of bipartisan leadership in the states—with the hope that some of it will inspire representatives in D.C.
- **The Common Ground Project.** This initiative provides citizens with real-time insights into key issues before Congress, what’s holding back legislation, and where there might be common ground.



BPC President **Jason Grumet** and BPC staff discuss why they joined Citizens for Political Reform

Snaps of Service

Leading up to the second town hall in Philadelphia, BPC encouraged Americans to join the conversation by snapping a photo of what service meant to them in the Snaps of Service photo contest. Whether it was serving the local community, joining an organization like Americorps or the Peace Corps, or becoming active in political office or the military, BPC wanted to know how Citizens were serving their community. Winners were invited to join CPR in Philadelphia for the National Conversation on American Unity.



Snaps of Service photo contest winners