

The Reform Coalition

Common Cause/Pennsylvania

Common Cause/PA is a citizens' lobbying organization that has been the leader for *Holding Power Accountable* in Pennsylvania for over three decades. Working to establish open, accountable and responsive government, Common Cause/PA fights for reforms on Clean and Fair Elections, Campaign Finance Reform, Lobbyist Regulation, Fair Reapportionment, Reasonable Citizens' Access to Government Meetings and Records, Public Officials' Ethics Standards, Forcing the Legislature to Obey the State Constitution, Requiring the Regular Review and Evaluation of State Agencies and Programs, Whistleblower Protections, Ending Abuses of Government Grant Programs, and many more initiatives that will return ownership of state and local government to the citizens of Pennsylvania. Common Cause is a non-profit non-partisan membership organization. Contact us by phone or email for more information.

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Commonwealth Foundation

The Commonwealth Foundation is an independent, non-profit research and educational institute that develops and advances public policies based on the nation's founding principles of limited constitutional government, economic freedom, and personal responsibility. It advocates respecting and protecting individuals' lives and property, recognizing the inseparability of personal and economic freedom, upholding personal responsibility and accountability for one's actions, challenging the general perception that government intervention is the most appropriate or most efficient means of solving societal problems, demonstrating the power of private institutions (both for-profit and non-profit) to create a good and civil society; and promoting the use of economic reasoning to understand a world of scarcity, trade-offs, and the unseen consequences of governmental solutions to societal problems

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Democracy Rising PA

Democracy Rising PA's mission is to work toward the highest standards of public integrity in the nation for Pennsylvania state government. Its education of voters about the violation of both the state constitution and legislative process that paved the way for the 2005 pay raise led to the eventual repeal of the raise and the unseating of Supreme Court Justice Nigro in November. Partner organizations span the political spectrum but agree that democracy is not being served well in today's Pennsylvania. All issues of DR/PA focus relate to government transparency and the engagement of citizens in a healthy democracy.

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The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania

LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government; and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The purpose of the LWV is to create in citizens a sense of responsibility for knowing about governmental problems and doing something about them. Through study and action on issues affected by government and through its services to voters, the League seeks to encourage the informed citizen who actively participates in government. The League works in the public interest. Activities are not limited to members; the League constantly seeks to reach out into the community.

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Pennsylvania Citizens for Legislator Accountability

PCLA is a grass roots cyberspace organization with the goal of informing Pennsylvanians exactly what our legislators have taken unto themselves in the form of benefits, salaries, perks and pensions and to tell legislators that "enough is enough."

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The Pennsylvania Council of Churches

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is the state-wide ecumenical presence in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Formed by 43 church bodies and agencies representing 20 Anabaptist, Anglican, Orthodox, Pentecostal, and Protestant communions (denominations), the Council works for Christian unity for the sake of the world. As part of its ministry, it advocates for public policy that benefits citizens and embodies Christian principals and encourages civic participation. Its political activities are chosen to foster full civil rights for all and tempering majority rule with adequate protections for the minority. It supports campaign finance reform, lobbyist activity disclosure and other reforms which promote governmental accountability and integrity.

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RocktheCapitol.org

RTC is a coalition of groups formed to oppose the legislative pay raise, track individual legislators' behavior regarding the pay-raise vote, the repeal and subsequent actions regarding any increased wages accepted. RTC is continuing its efforts to investigate the legality of the raise and is tracking the money. Its goal is the return of the funds to the state treasury.

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Stop the Illegal Pay Raise, Inc.

Stop the Illegal Pay Raise, Inc. was formed by activist Gene Stilp to contest the legislative pay grab. Its activities include public protests and media events to inform the public on the issue as well as legal challenges to the raise and perks in Commonwealth Court.

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Young Conservatives of Pennsylvania

YCOP is a civic youth organization operated to promote social welfare, to further the common good of the people of Pennsylvania by fighting for lower taxes, limited government and preserving liberty.

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