



Dear Friends of the Free Congress Foundation:

The Board of Directors of the Free Congress Foundation recently appointed me to serve as the new President and CEO of the Foundation. This e-mail is to inform you know that I plan to keep in touch, and work with you to further conservative problem solving for the United States. This is an important moment for the nation, and the Free Congress Foundation must be a voice in current public policy discussions.

For those of you who do not know me, I am the former Governor of Virginia, serving the Commonwealth from 1998-2002. I served as Attorney General of Virginia, the elected prosecutor of my home county, and former Chairman of the Republican Committee. As Governor, I chaired bi-partisan commissions on Terrorism and on Internet Taxation Policy. I am a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Germany in the Army Intelligence. I am a life-long conservative who applied conservative principles to governing in elective office. Also, I serve on the national Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association. I have attached my [curriculum vitae](#) and a [recent article](#) published in the Washington Times announcing my recent appointment.

I follow in the footsteps of Paul M. Weyrich, but no one can replace him. His death is a loss for conservatives everywhere, but our best tribute to Paul is to make the Free Congress Foundation a thought leader, addressing the challenges and concerns facing the people of the United States in these difficult times. Conservatism is not partisan, and we should seek support for our ideas in both parties. We must offer positive solutions from the conservative point of view, offer new ideas on the crucial issues of the day, especially on government control, high spending and debt, and inevitable higher taxes that reduce the people's power over their own lives. It is critical that we address foreign policy and national security issues as those challenges continue to emerge and continue our efforts to nationalize our economy though cap and trade legislation. We must advocate American values, as has been the traditional role of the Free Congress Foundation.

To carry out this mission I will need your help. We must begin to build a grass-roots financial support network. Many of you have followed the work of the Free Congress Foundation in developing policy and ideas to help this country. There has never been a more important time in America for our organization. Please go to our web site: www.freecongress.org, and donate to our foundation or send us a check to our headquarters: 1423 Powhatan Street #2, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Your donation is tax-deductable. Your donation is urgently needed to pay for our programs and the good thinkers who would like to work with us to carry out our program and mission. Please take action now to give us a tax-deductable donation.

The liberals who control our government seek to change the character of the nation, itself. I assure you that there are better days ahead. With your help we will build a better future for ourselves and our children.

Have a very Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays.

James S. Gilmore III
President and CEO
Free Congress Foundation