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2016 Investor Update

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“Aid is just a stopgap. Commerce, entrepreneurial capitalism takes more people out of poverty than aid. Of course, we know that.”

—Bono, lead singer in the rock group U2

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January 2016

This report outlines how your investments in Americans for Prosperity are building the most effective grassroots infrastructure for the advancement of a free society in the nation.

As a partner in this critical work, you share our strong belief in the power of free enterprise to give all people, especially our nation's poorest and most vulnerable, the best opportunity to improve their wellbeing through earned success. It's the driving force behind the work we do across the nation.

The following pages discuss our progress in 2015 as well as our strategic thinking and policy focus for 2016. You will see we continue to devote the full resources of the organization to educating and motivating the public around the principles of freedom—from the community and state level, up.

We firmly believe that in order to make any meaningful progress nationally and reverse our nation's dangerous course toward bankruptcy, we must first generate enough grassroots pressure to enact free-market policy in the *states*. AFP then must continuously demonstrate the positive impact of those policies on the lives of individual people, families, and the broader community.

In states across the country, AFP field staff and activists made significant strides toward that end in 2015:

- We saw historic income and business tax cuts in North Carolina and New Hampshire. We blocked harmful tax hike proposals in Arkansas and Illinois. We've saved taxpayers billions in Florida, Tennessee, and Utah by stopping Obamacare's unsustainable Medicaid expansion. And we've helped break down barriers to individual opportunity through occupational licensure reform in Wisconsin and Indiana.
- Then there's the critical battle for worker freedom. Building off successes in Michigan and Indiana in 2013 and 2014, AFP helped make Wisconsin the nation's 25th right-to-work state. Great progress has also been made in Missouri and Kentucky and we expect similar efforts to continue in West Virginia this year.
- Nationally, AFP led the fight to defund the Export-Import Bank and achieve congressional authorization of the Keystone Pipeline. These efforts helped push these important issues to the forefront of public discourse, setting us up for future success.

Similar grassroots efforts and victories are occurring across our other 35 state chapters, many of which are outlined in this report. They simply would not happen without your commitment to helping AFP build genuine relationships with members of the community and advance state-based policy reform.

Is This Your Vision for America?

Progressives and the modern Left claim to be champions of the poor and vulnerable. However, the redistributive policies they support fail to improve the quality of life or personal wellbeing of our nation's least fortunate. Why?

We look to Arthur Brooks—famed social scientist and President of the American Enterprise Institute—for insight. He notes that progressives tend to treat work as punishment; less as a blessing, a source of human dignity, and a path toward a more purpose-filled life. They view struggling people as liabilities to manage, instead of human potential waiting to be enlivened. They focus on the unequal distribution of incomes, instead of insufficient opportunities.

This worldview translates into support of government policies that redistribute material wealth or dictate certain behavior as a way of healing the despair that comes from not having meaningful work or sense of community. In effect, progressives are merely making poverty more comfortable, instead of providing onramps for genuinely struggling Americans to pursue the American Dream and earn success as they see fit.



“No. We just can't trust the American people to make those types of choices... **GOVERNMENT HAS TO MAKE THOSE CHOICES FOR PEOPLE.**”

“You know, we can't keep talking about our dependence on foreign oil and the need to deal with global warming and the challenge that it poses to our climate and to God's creation and just let business as usual go on. **AND THAT MEANS SOMETHING HAS TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM SOME PEOPLE.**”

-Hillary Clinton



“When we are seeing a massive redistribution of wealth since 1985 from the middle class to the top one tenth of one percent, **OUR ECONOMIC GOALS HAVE GOT TO BE TO REDISTRIBUTE THAT WEALTH BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAD IT.**”

-Sen. Bernie Sanders

“You built a factory out there? Good for you. But I want to be clear: you moved your goods to market on the roads the rest of us paid for; you hired workers the rest of us paid to educate; you were safe in your factory because of police forces and fire forces that the rest of us paid for. You didn't have to worry...**BECAUSE OF THE WORK THE REST OF US DID.**”

-Sen. Elizabeth Warren

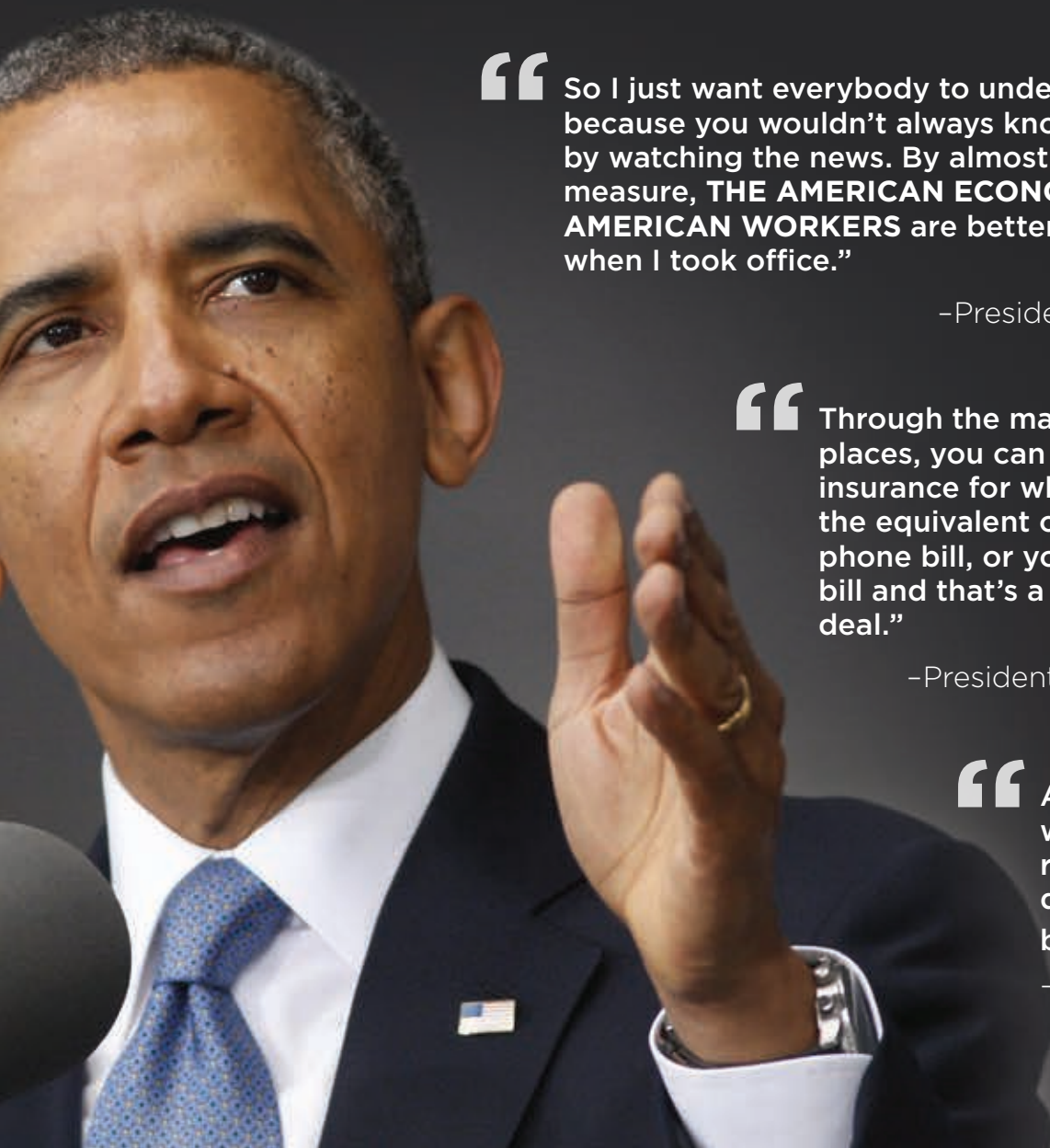


“To some of us the role of government is about doing things for the American people to help them reach fulfillment.”

-Rep. Nancy Pelosi

What the Left Promises...

Since the mid-1960's, the Left has promised to improve the living conditions and quality of life for America's least fortunate through increased government action and wealth redistribution. After over 50 years and at least \$20 trillion spent, the economic record clearly shows the plight of the poor has remained relatively unchanged. And since taking office, President Obama and his Administration have continued to implement this failed big government model for addressing the real concerns of those in need.



“ So I just want everybody to understand, because you wouldn't always know it by watching the news. By almost every measure, **THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND AMERICAN WORKERS** are better off than when I took office.”

-President Obama

“ Through the market-places, you can get health insurance for what may be the equivalent of your cell phone bill, or your cable bill and that's a good deal.”

-President Obama

“ And everybody will have lower rates, better quality care, and better access.”

-Rep. Nancy Pelosi

...and What They Deliver

For the bottom 20 percent of the income distribution (those earning less than \$20,000), the unemployment rate is over 20%. To put that in perspective, in 1932—the worst point of the Great Depression—national unemployment was 22.9%.

*NJ.com



In 2014, government workers received an average compensation package totaling \$119,934 compared to \$67,246 in the private sector.

*The Cato Institute



Only 62.5% of able-bodied American adults are actively employed or looking for work—the lowest labor participation rate since the Carter Administration.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics

Home ownership down to lowest rate in over 25 years.

*U.S. Census Bureau

1 in 7 Americans need some sort of nutritional assistance just to bring home enough to eat—a 43% increase since Obama took office.

*U.S. Department of Agriculture

Average premiums for Obamacare plans may increase by another 24 percent in 2016. Families in some states could see spikes as high as 60 percent.

*Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



Fighting for People Left Behind in Today's Economy

At Americans for Prosperity, we believe every person is valuable and should have the opportunity to achieve earned success. Defining that success for yourself and setting out on your own path to achieve it is the bedrock of the American Dream. It means serving the needs of others through merit-based work, business, and charity—not by government dictates or coercion. We believe the more that free people can earn their own success individually, the more our society—particularly the least fortunate—prosper as a whole.



We Fight to:

Unlock every person's potential to earn their own success

Earned success is a key driver of human happiness and wellbeing. It is the belief that you are creating value with your life and for people around you. We fight to ensure all people have the ability to pursue their vision of earned success by pouring themselves into faith, family, community, and meaningful work.



Increase every person's opportunity to improve their life

America's culture is supposed to be one of abundant opportunity and mobility, no matter a person's background or status. Whether a person has a new idea or is simply looking for a first-time job, America offers all people the ability to get a foot in the door, take a risk, and improve their lives through work. We fight to ensure all people have equal opportunity to pursue their dreams without undue government barriers to market entry.



Ensure a strong safety net for truly vulnerable people

We are blessed to live in a nation of such abundant wealth that we can support a safety net to help those who can't help themselves. Sadly, today, the welfare system has extended far beyond that noble goal, trapping too many able-bodied people into a cycle of dependency and lessening incentives to meaningful work. We fight to ensure a sustainable safety net exists for the truly indigent and provides onramps for the unemployed to return to productive work.

Helping People Lift Themselves Out of Poverty

Big government policies are leaving America's poor behind.

For the last 50 years, the poor have been hurt by big government policy—from welfare-induced dependency to job-killing taxes, regulations, and barriers to market entry. These have had the unintended effect of limiting people's opportunity to climb the economic ladder into meaningful work.

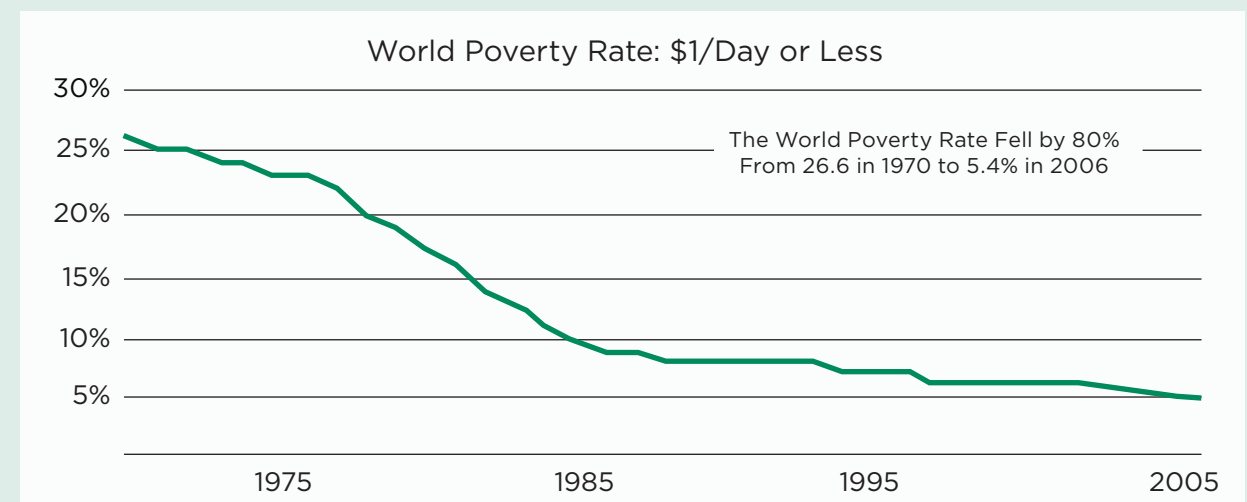
Meanwhile, during this same 50-year period, the rest of the world has been adopting the key tenets of the American free enterprise system—namely freer trade, stronger property rights, and increased entrepreneurship.

The result: the percentage of people globally living on a dollar a day or less—a traditional poverty measure—has fallen by 80 percent since 1970. Nearly 1 billion people have lifted themselves out of poverty. It is the greatest antipoverty achievement in world history. It did not come from philanthropy or foreign aid, but from people having greater freedom to earn their success and improve their standing in life.

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In addition, all this earned success has been shown to be a key driver of human happiness and wellbeing. Fifty years of analysis conducted by social scientists—and compiled by Arthur Brooks and researchers at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI)—demonstrate people are happiest when they are working to earn their own success, rather than when a family member, the government, or just plain luck provides for their personal and economic wellbeing. In fact, this same body of research shows the more “un-earned” success people acquire (welfare payments, winning the lottery, inheritance, etc.), the unhappier they are long-term.

If we do not act, the earned success and happiness of all Americans are at stake.



*Maxim Pinkovskiy and Xavier Sala-i-Martin, NBER Working Paper No. 15433

Advancing a Free Society and the Pursuit of Happiness

“Americans for Prosperity are among the best grassroots organizers around and they’ve got a well-developed plan...”

-David Axelrod, senior advisor to Presidents Clinton and Obama

With a strong conviction to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of every American, Americans for Prosperity is motivating more and more people to reject the empty promises of big government policy and promote American free enterprise as a path to true human flourishing. To that end, AFP has grassroots operations in 35 state chapters—and growing. Our State Directors and field staff recruit, organize, and empower activists neighborhood by neighborhood to contact lawmakers; not to ask for special favors, but simply for the opportunity to work, raise families, and start businesses free of government coercion or special privileges.



USA TODAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

Americans for Prosperity is building a standing ground force of activists that can mobilize quickly for legislative fights this year and turn out voters...In nearly a dozen states, AFP is engaged in or preparing to do battle over tax policy and government spending.

The Washington Post

APRIL 13, 2015

After a number of states expanded Medicaid last year, in 2015 the push for the expansion has stalled in places like Florida, Tennessee, Alaska, Missouri and Utah, due to conservative opposition and an aggressive campaign against it by...**Americans for Prosperity**.

National Journal

JUNE 7, 2015

AFP's volunteers were mobilizing against a Republican, blasting state Senate President Andy Gardiner's proposal to take federal funds to put more low-income Floridians on Medicaid. The volunteers, armed with brochures and scripts, were knocking on doors here in the hopes of driving conservatives to register opposition to the plan.

Los Angeles Times

JULY 2, 2015

The effort truly took off when **Americans for Prosperity** got heavily involved, tapping its list of 2 million members to contact their representatives.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

APRIL 30, 2015

Outside Congress, the grassroots are rallying constituents. Some 50 conservative groups, organized by **Americans for Prosperity**, sent a letter to Congress last week demanding the [Export-Import Bank] die.

Our Capabilities and Long-Term Strategy

At Americans for Prosperity, we believe real change comes up from the people; not down from government—and certainly not from party elites. In spite of what we hear in the media, too many politicians are followers, not leaders. The policies they adopt and views they embrace are “downstream” of our popular culture—not the other way around. It is our job to create a society where the first impulse is *freedom* and more *free enterprise*—not more government—as the response for addressing the plight of struggling Americans.

Continuing to Lay the Groundwork for Policy Success in 2016 & Beyond



35 State Chapters

To date, AFP has long-term infrastructure in place in 35 states, running grassroots issue advocacy campaigns to enact state-based policy reform.



A Growing Team of 500 Staff

Regional and State Directors, Field Directors, and Field Associates recruit, educate, and motivate Americans and build coalitions to grow our grassroots freedom movement.



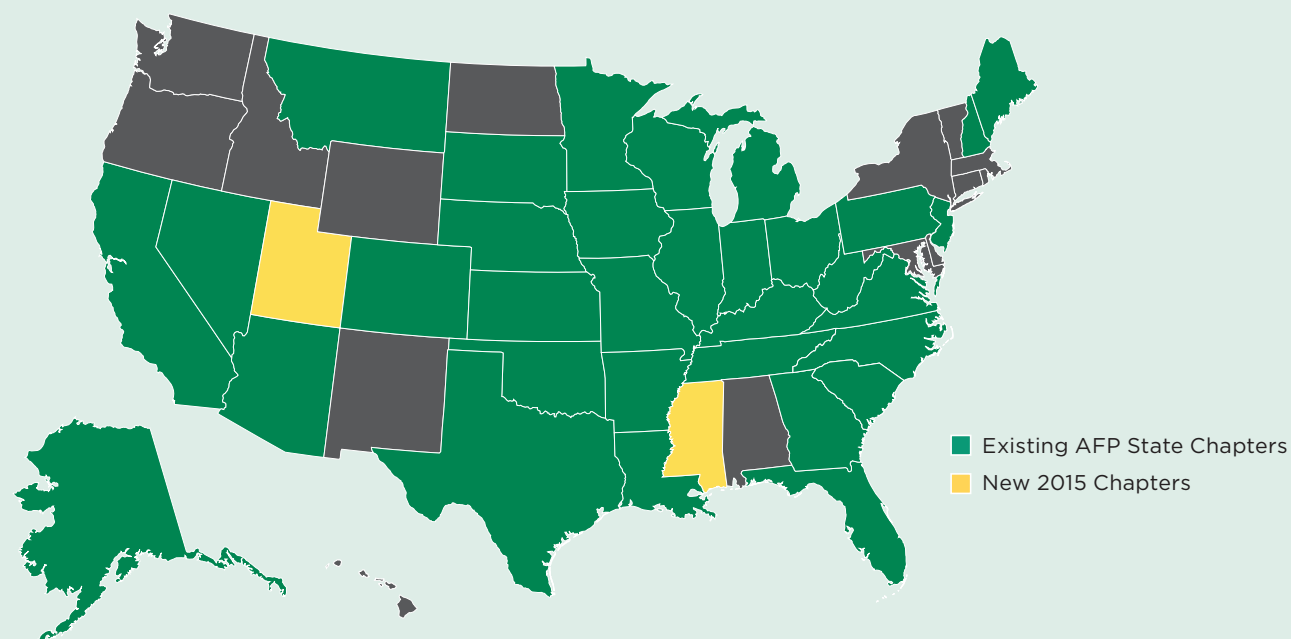
2.8 Million Activists

A community of Americans who use email and social media, knock doors, make phone calls, visit with lawmakers, and attend rallies in support of free-market policies.



Mobile Canvassing Technology

To reach the right citizens with the right policy messages, AFP’s mobile walkbooks guide volunteers to targeted households to persuade Americans on our issues.



2016 Policy Focus Areas

AFP’s ever-growing base of educated activists are now keeping a “watchful eye” on the actions of their elected leaders year after year. They fight to make positive gains within the following policy areas:



TAXES & SPENDING

Push for tax reforms that lower rates, broaden the tax base, and end corporate welfare. Advance common-sense reductions in government spending.



ENERGY

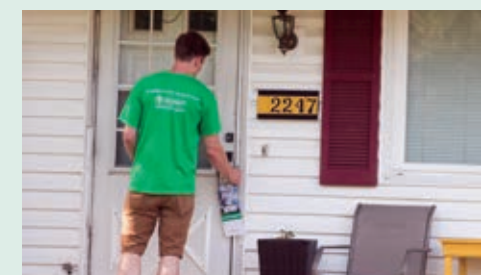
Promote reforms that enable the development of reliable energy from all sources and push back against Big Government’s climate change overreach.



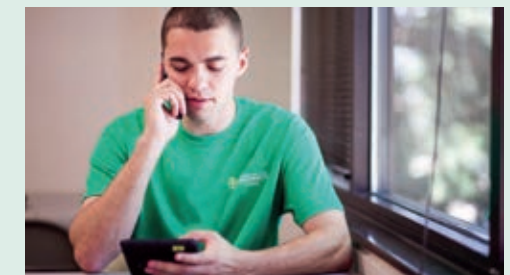
HEALTHCARE

Dismantle Obamacare to the greatest extent possible with the ultimate goal of full repeal. Advance policies that ensure Americans can control their own healthcare decisions.

Americans for Prosperity’s volunteer activists are the essential element in truly advancing the cause of freedom and removing barriers to prosperity. On the ground. Person-to-person. In small towns and cities all across America. AFP’s boots-on-the-ground activists pour their hearts and souls into our fight for economic freedom and better lives for all Americans.



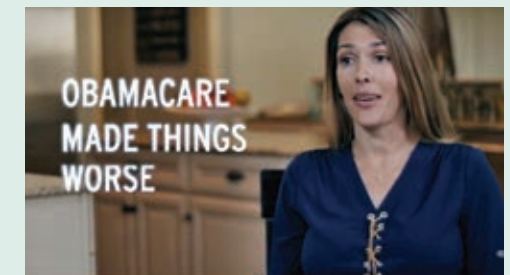
Knocking on Doors



Making Phone Calls



Hosting Events and Rallies



Running TV, Radio, & Online Ads

Citizen-Powered Strategy is Winning in the States

The application of Americans for Prosperity's organizing model is spurring free-market grassroots victories in states across the country. Our effective mix of phone, door, event, and media efforts builds genuine relationships with members of the communities we serve and demonstrates person-to-person how free enterprise allows people to pursue their American Dream. AFP then helps translate people's desire and passion for improving people's lives into meaningful grassroots activism for economic freedom.

Protecting People from Harmful Government-Run Healthcare

Obamacare attempts to give more people government-funded health insurance by urging states to expand Medicaid. This joint federal-state program has proven highly ineffective at providing quality care for the poor and straps states with unsustainable spending requirements. While states have the option to reject expansion, most are enticed by "free" federal money under the law. In 2015, AFP organized block walks, packed committee hearings, and reminded lawmakers that Medicaid delivers poor care to those who need help most.

In the states, AFP fights tooth and nail against legislators who supposedly support free enterprise and promised to stop Obamacare when they ran for office.

Over 200 AFP activists pack a special legislative session to block Medicaid expansion in Tennessee.



Tennessee

In late February 2015, over 200 AFP activists packed a special Senate committee called to enact Republican Gov. Bill Haslam's Medicaid expansion plan. AFP's grassroots presence convinced lawmakers to kill the measure before it could even reach a full Senate vote. The seeds for this effort were planted in 2014 when AFP helped enact the "Stop Obamacare Act"—a bill requiring legislative approval to expand Medicaid. Had that measure failed, Gov. Haslam would have been able to expand this failed program unilaterally.



Florida

In June 2015, the House defeated a Senate Medicaid expansion plan in a special session. The win came after months of door and phone efforts to keep pressure on House lawmakers against a proposal pushed by Senate President Andy Gardiner and 23 others. The Florida team knocked on over 40,000 doors and made over 40,000 calls urging opposition in key districts. AFP also meet with legislators and ran TV, mail, and radio ads.



Kansas

Facing heavy lobbying by the Kansas Hospitals Association and the Kansas Medical Society, AFP successfully urged the House to block Medicaid expansion in 2015. Two days before the vote, activists generated over 1,100 phone calls into key member offices and filled a committee hearing in opposition. AFP also ran radio ads in rural areas and Topeka, educating Kansans that Medicaid will not help already struggling rural hospitals.



Utah

In just its first year of operation, AFP's Utah chapter stopped a controversial plan that would have added 16 new tax increases on healthcare providers while expanding Medicaid through a plan known as *Healthy Utah*. In January 2015, the Utah House GOP caucus had 10 YES votes without the symbolic leadership votes. By October, AFP convinced three lawmakers to reject the plan after knocking on 5,000 doors and making 10,000 calls to urge public opposition. With only seven YES votes, the plan could not pass even with full Democratic support.

Improving People's Ability to Find Work

At AFP, we believe the greatest anti-poverty program is a job. Having meaningful work is where people learn skills necessary to lift themselves up from poverty into prosperity. To that end, AFP fights for policies that create an environment favorable to business growth, entrepreneurship, and earned success.

Ending Prevailing Wage

Over 30 states set artificially high wage rates for public building projects. This raises labor costs by as much as 50 percent for new schools, libraries, government buildings, and other taxpayer-funded projects. These laws also unfairly protect unionized firms from competitive bidding practices, undercutting non-union workers' opportunity to find work.

Indiana: In May 2015, AFP activists successfully urged Gov. Mike Pence and lawmakers to repeal the "Common Construction Wage."

Wisconsin: In July 2015, Gov. Scott Walker signed a budget including the repeal of prevailing wage for local governments.

Michigan: AFP worked with a coalition of builders, contractors, and concerned citizens to collect signatures to start a citizen-initiated law. Under the Michigan Constitution, the legislature can enact a citizen-initiated bill without Gov. Snyder's signature. AFP gathered 25,000 of the 391,000 signatures collected. Due to technical error by a third party, the Secretary of State did not certify the signatures. There are discussions currently underway to determine if the effort will be repeated in 2016. If the signatures are certified and the measure does not receive a vote within 40 days, it goes before voters on the November 2016 ballot.



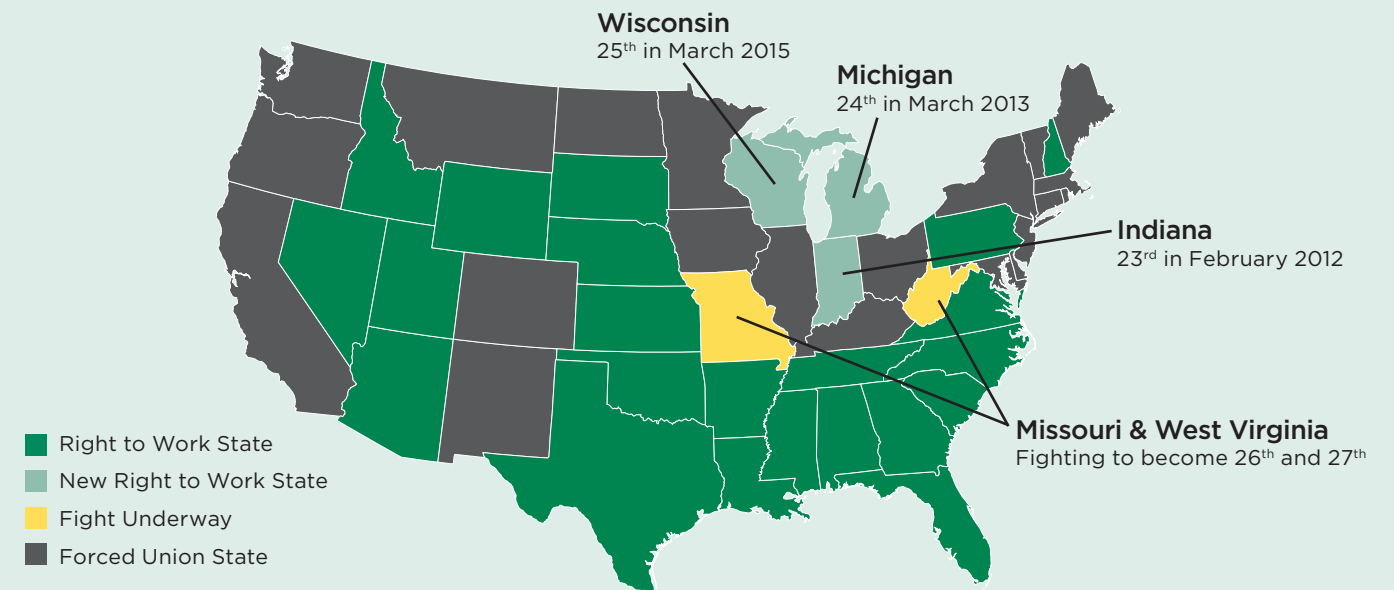
State Director Pete Lund with field staff and 391,000 signed petitions urging repeal of prevailing wage.



Door knocking in Arnold, MO.

Advancing Worker Freedom in the Midwest

In the same way people should have the right to join a union, so too should they be able to opt-out. Twenty-five states give unions legal power to require union membership and pay dues as a condition of employment at union shops. Right-to-work laws put power back in the hands of individual workers to decide for themselves whether joining and paying a union is in their best interest.



Throughout summer 2015, AFP-Missouri worked to secure votes to override Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of right-to-work. With help from other AFP chapters, staff and activists made over 300,000 calls and 100,000 door knocks urging citizens to call their representatives. Unfortunately, lawmakers failed to override Gov. Nixon's veto on September 16th, but momentum is clearly on our side. In 2013, right-to-work in Missouri was dead on arrival. Just two years later, the House and Senate sent a bill to the governor.

We also now know which legislators were willing to be courageous—and which failed to stand up for worker freedom. In 2016, AFP will be holding them accountable, block by block. It is not a question of *if*, but *when* Missouri becomes right-to-to-work. AFP is also conducting issue efforts in West Virginia, encouraging lawmakers to protect worker choice.

Victories in the States



North Carolina

On September 19, the House passed a budget with the second largest tax cut in state history—cutting \$2.27 billion in personal and corporate income taxes over five years. The budget also limits spending growth, expands the state's successful *Opportunity Scholarship Program* for 3,000 more families, and phases out special tax breaks for “green” energy and motorsports fuels.



New Hampshire

After making over 75,000 calls and knocking 20,000 doors to draw public attention to the need for lower business taxes, AFP won a 7-percent reduction in the business profits tax and a 10-percent reduction in the business enterprise tax. Before this reduction, New Hampshire had the third highest business tax burden nationally, according to the Tax Foundation.



Illinois

AFP championed Gov. Rauner's effort for more responsible budgeting by supporting his refusal to raise taxes and his veto of a proposed \$4 billion out-of-balance budget. AFP then mobilized grassroots support to uphold the governor's veto of legislation that would have weakened the state's ability to negotiate more financially sustainable wages and benefits with public unions.



South Carolina

As state lawmakers pushed to raise gas taxes in 2015, AFP paid the gas taxes at gas stations in Greenville, Summerville, and Columbia to highlight how much commuters already pay at the pump. The effort also demonstrated how significant revenues would likely be used for mass transit and other non-highway projects, not more roads. Drivers were encouraged to contact lawmakers and demand spending reforms before hitting up the taxpayer. The tax increase died in the legislature.



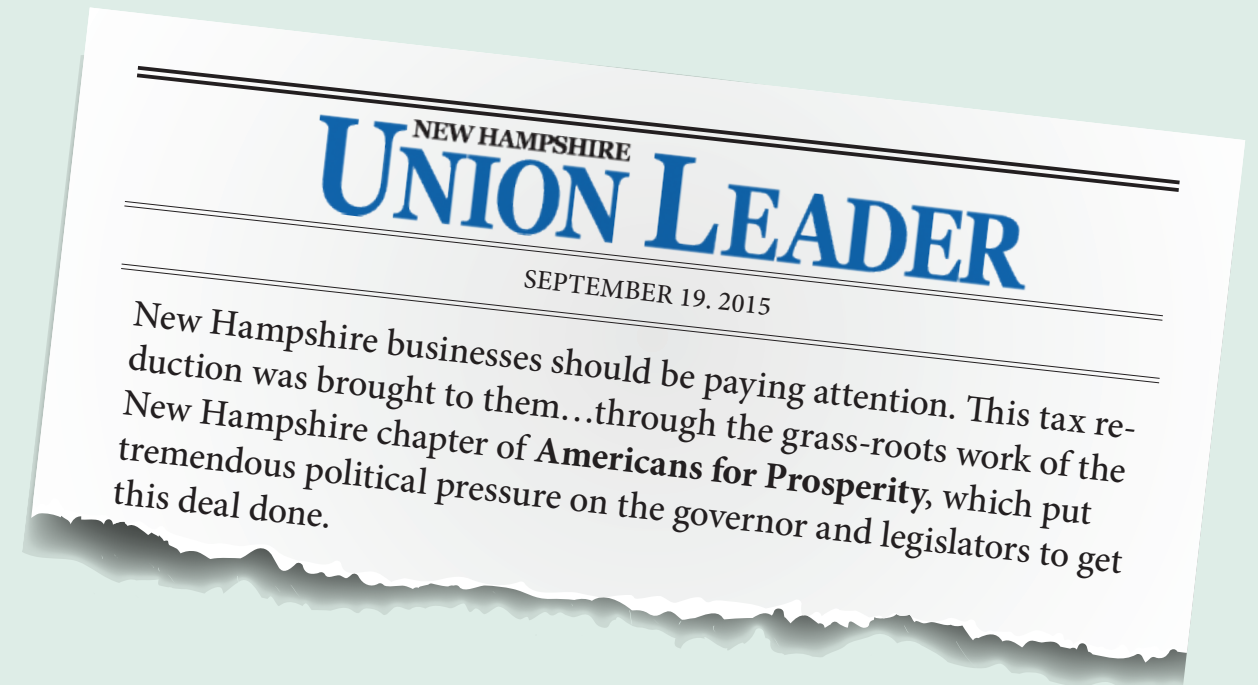
Kansas

AFP activists convinced lawmakers to phase out the state's “Renewable Portfolio Standards” (RPS), which mandates the use of expensive and often unreliable wind and solar energy.



Texas

AFP activists made over 100,000 contacts encouraging legislators to abolish the “Margins Tax”—a gross receipts tax on business. The legislature ended up cutting the tax by 25 percent and is now studying the impact of full repeal.



Oklahoma

After a three-year effort, AFP convinced House lawmakers to approve Senate Bill 782, allowing for new charter schools statewide. Prior to reform, charters could only be opened in counties with 500,000 people or more, limiting their reach to students in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.



Arizona

Arizona passed its most fiscally responsible budget in two decades following AFP's door-to-door education efforts, activist contacts to legislators, and a series of well-placed op-eds. AFP also led an advocacy campaign which led to passage of legislation barring the use of state funds or personnel to administer or enforce elements of Obamacare, including a state-based exchange.



Arkansas

AFP fought and won on local property tax issues in Hot Springs, Sheridan, and Pulaski Counties by knocking on over 2,500 doors and making 40,000 phone calls. In particular, voters in Pulaski County killed a proposed \$360 million tax increase. The team also helped enact over \$100 million in income tax cuts during the 2015 legislative session.



Mississippi

AFP partnered with KidsFirst Mississippi to stop Initiative 42, a statewide ballot measure that would have amended the Mississippi Constitution, shifting school funding authority from the legislature to the judiciary. In spite of being outspent 29 to 1, the initiative was defeated on November 3.

Advancing Pro-Freedom Policy in Washington

In January 2015, AFP launched *Reform America*—our legislative roadmap and plan for holding lawmakers accountable to pass free-market reforms in the areas of healthcare, energy, and spending. The emphasis was on championing policies that shared strong bipartisan support in Congress, that could be implemented in the short term.

Holding Lawmakers Accountable

Americans for Prosperity’s policy team understood the difficulties of the divided political landscape as well as the reality that President Obama would likely veto any comprehensive measure outright. The team used the effort as way to track key votes and either hold politicians accountable for voting against economic freedom or champion those who supported it.



Making Gains to Stop Corporate Welfare

Before we can make the case for reforming unsustainable entitlement programs, we must get serious about ending taxpayer handouts to politically-connected industries and Big Business.

The federal government’s picking winners and losers damages the economy and our free enterprise system. By some estimates, the taxpayer cost of corporate and agricultural subsidies exceeds \$350 billion a year. This has to end.

Last year’s scheduled reauthorization of Export-Import Bank’s (Ex-Im) charter was an opportunity to make our intentions known to the public and devote significant resources to ending corporate welfare. Established in the 1930’s by FDR, Ex-Im has become the posterchild for corporate welfare in Washington, providing risky taxpayer-backed loans to politically-connected businesses and corporations in foreign countries.

After repeated calls from AFP activists and staff since April 2014, Congress allowed the bank’s charter to expire on June 30, 2015.

Unfortunately, as 2015 drew to a close, House and Senate lawmakers felt political pressure from Ex-Im beneficiaries to avoid a government shutdown at any cost. Both chambers agreed to temporarily revive the bank as part of a year-end, unrelated highway bill.

Without question, the move is a disappointment for free enterprise and limited government supporters. But for Americans for Prosperity, this is a long-term fight against entrenched interests who receive concentrated benefits at the expense of society. In 2016, AFP will continue to hold all lawmakers who supported the bank accountable to their constituents and expose the ongoing scandals and pay-for-play corruption that plagues the bank.

2015 Federal Priorities

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HP = House Passed SP = Senate Passed PS = President Signed

A Full-Time Infrastructure to Promote the Culture of Freedom

In preparation for the challenges of 2016, AFP is working hard to build even larger communities of pro-freedom activists coast to coast.

Our long-term efforts remain focused on building an effective, pro-freedom counter weight to the Left's long-standing dominance in grassroots organizing. AFP seeks to be the most influential grassroots voice for a free society and confronting the class warfare, "us vs. them" mentality that pervades all dialogue today of helping those in need.

A Strong State-Based Support Model in Place

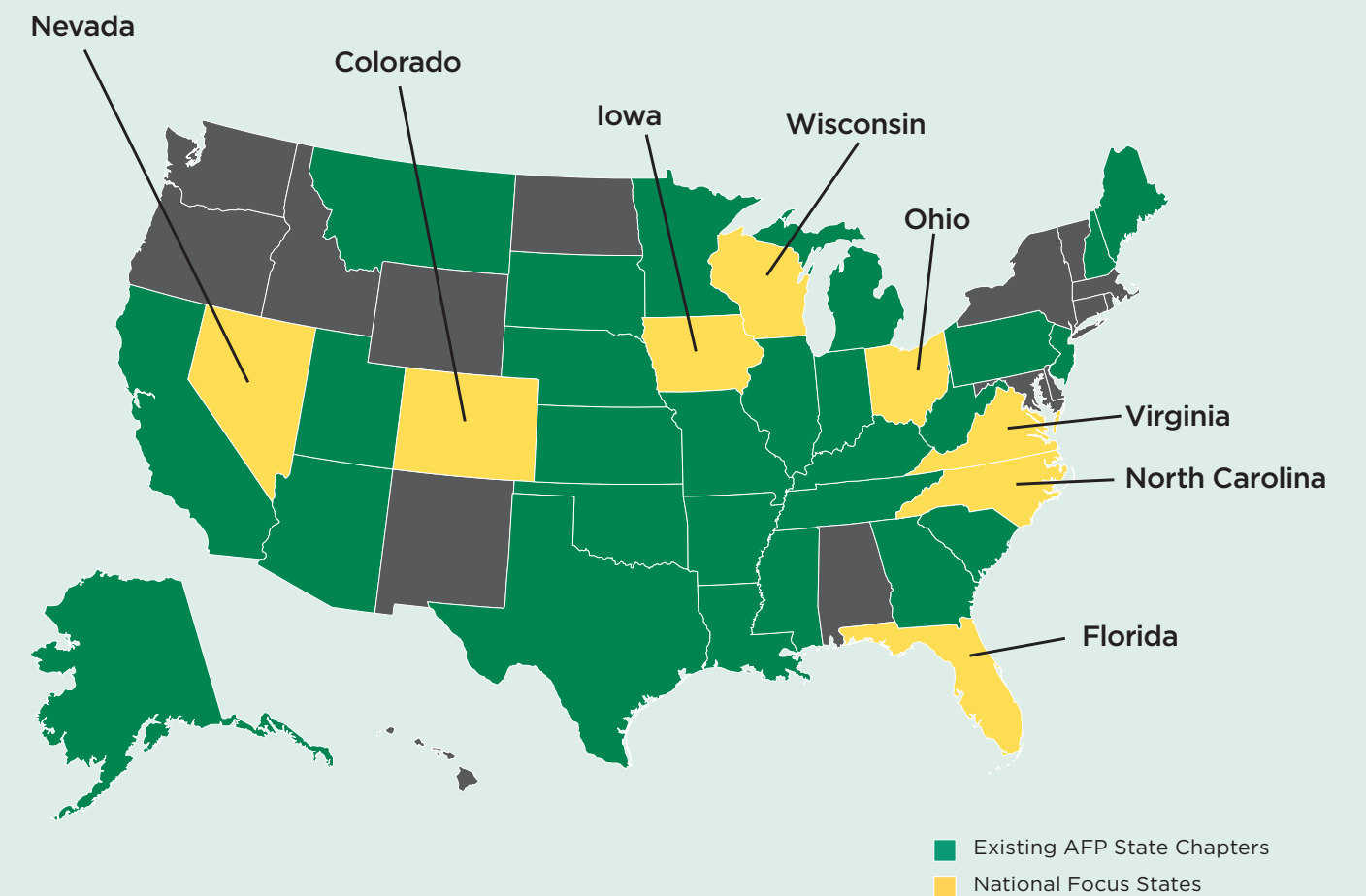
AFP is structured to provide our State Directors, field staff, and volunteer activists with the financial, technological, legal, and marketing support they need to achieve policy victories at the local and state level. As a result, we have rejected the "top-down" organizing model in favor of supporting the people closest to the community and providing them the resources and flexibility they need to finish the job.



Advancing Free Enterprise in Every AFP State Chapter

Going into 2016, all 35 AFP state chapters have designed strategic plans to advance free-market policies in the areas of energy, healthcare, taxes, and government spending. Again, our motivating principle is that free enterprise is the best system for helping more Americans improve their lives through meaningful work and earned success.

Over the coming months, AFP will be devoting additional financial, staffing, and technological resources to the following states to generate grassroots pressure on state and federal lawmakers:



Key Policy Opportunities for 2016

As mentioned earlier, AFP seeks to make free-market gains in the core areas of energy, healthcare, taxes, and government spending over the long-term. For 2016, our state and federal issue campaigns will focus on making an impact on the following fronts:



Stopping Executive Overreach

Restore the balance of power between the people and government in Washington and in the states.



Creating a Job-Friendly Economy

Promote job growth and innovation through limited government intervention and private entrepreneurship.



Cutting Corporate Welfare

Level the playing field for all Americans to find work, start businesses, and create value for society, not just the politically-connected.



Removing Barriers to Opportunity

Increase opportunity for more people to turn their passion into profit through small business start-ups and innovation.

2016 Issue Battles:

Energy: Promote people's access to affordable and reliable energy solutions, not just government-mandates options.

State Policy

- Support legislation blocking state implementation of President Obama's controversial EPA rules.
- Abolish green energy mandates that increase costs for consumers.
- End policies that restrict access to affordable energy.

Federal Policy

- Oppose any new EPA regulations, such as the so-called "Clean Power Plan."
- Repeal the so-called "Renewable Fuel Standard."
- Oppose all federal energy subsidies and policies that drive up energy costs.
- Support the REINS Act, requiring congressional approval of expensive, job-killing rules.



Taxes and Spending: Responsibly fund core government programs and create a tax environment that fosters entrepreneurship and business growth.

State Policy

- Prioritize the expenditure of gas tax dollars for road maintenance and construction.
- Enact pension reforms to move states from defined *benefit* to defined *contribution* retirement plans.
- Promote increased budget transparency for local government.
- Oppose industry-specific tax handouts and subsidies for sports stadiums, film production, and other special interests.
- Support caps on state spending and revenue growth.
- Support efforts to close budget gaps through spending reform instead of tax hikes.
- Support free-market reforms such as, state liquor store privatization.

Federal Policy

- Continue exposing and opposing corporate welfare for politically-connected industries.
- Support regular budget order and put an end to the cycle of bloated omnibus spending bills.
- Oppose federal gas tax hikes.
- Oppose industry-specific tax giveaways and subsidies to "green" energy companies.
- Support federal death tax repeal.

Key Policy Opportunities for 2016

Healthcare: Promote better quality care for more people at lower cost.

State Policy

- Oppose Obamacare's Medicaid expansion.
- Repeal collapsing Obamacare state exchanges.
- Reform "Scope of Practice" rules allowing healthcare practitioners to perform additional services.
- Repeal "Certificate of Need" laws that limit new hospital construction.
- Support expansion of telemedicine.
- Support right-to-try for terminally-ill patients.

Federal Policy

- Repeal Obamacare.
- Repeal individual and employer insurance mandates.



Labor: Remove government barriers to worker choice and upward mobility.

State Policy

- Advance right-to-work laws.
- Reform occupational licensing rules to encourage more market players into a particular industry, including florists, hair braiders, barbers, cosmetologists, etc.
- Defend the "sharing economy" from undue regulation as a way to improve customer service and allow more people to earn money and live independently on their own terms.

The Time is Now. Will You Join Us?

The earned success and happiness of all Americans, especially the least fortunate among us, are at stake if we do not act.

Welfare-induced dependency, job-killing taxes, needless regulations, and barriers to market entry have limited people's opportunity to climb the economic ladder into meaningful work. These policies have also put us on a crash course toward national bankruptcy.

At Americans for Prosperity, we believe all people are valuable and should have the opportunity to fulfill the Founders' promise of the "pursuit of happiness" as they see fit, not as government elites dictate. The free enterprise system makes it all possible for the most people.

But in order to make any meaningful progress nationally and reverse our nation's dangerous course, Americans for Prosperity is focused first on generating enough grassroots pressure to enact free-market policy in the states. Our dedicated staff and volunteers then continuously demonstrate the positive impact of those policies on the lives of individual people, families, and the broader community through large-scale door, phone, and media efforts.

Going into 2016, all AFP state chapters are prepared to advance free-market policies in the areas of energy, healthcare, taxes, and government spending as the way to help more Americans improve their lives through meaningful work and earned success.

While many organizations focus only on short bursts of activity around elections, your investments in Americans for Prosperity are helping build a long-term infrastructure for the advancement of policies that promote a culture of freedom year after year.

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