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Formation of "National Tea Party Federation" Announced

*Broad Coalition of National, Regional Groups and Local Groups
Uniting for Messaging and Rapid Media Response
Advocacy & Affiliated Groups Participate*

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (April 8, 2010) - A broad coalition of national and regional Tea Party groups have announced the formation of the National Tea Party Federation (NTPF). The NTPF is established to create a unified message and media response amongst key leadership and their affiliates. At the same time, the NTPF will act as a clearinghouse and to promote the Tea Party movement's objectives of:

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Constitutionally Limited Government
- Free Markets

The federation includes key organizations and leadership and is committed to changing the dynamics of communicating clearly to its membership while supporting the aforementioned principles. The approach will allow for clarity of message, rapid response to media misinformation while continuing to build the brand equity of the Tea Party movement. The NTPF will act in unison without a central leadership or overhead yet collaborate through a common set of principles.

The founders of the National Tea Party Federation include the following Tea Party groups:

- American Grassroots Coalition
- Arkansas Unite
- Cincinnati Tea Party
- Constitutional TEA Party
- DC Works For Us
- Illinois Tea Party
- Lynchburg Tea Party
- New Jersey Tea Party Coalition
- New Mexico Patriots

- Orlando Tea Party
- Pittsburgh Tea Party
- Punta Gorda Tea Party
- ResistNet
- Richmond Tea Party
- Santee East County TEA Party
- Take the Town Halls to Washington
- Tea Party Express
- Tea Party Nation
- The Heart of Texas Tea Party
- The Memphis TEA Party
- The Mississippi Tea Party
- Tupelo Tea Party
- Waco Tea Party
- Washington DC Tea Party
- We The People of Pennsylvania

The National Tea Party Federation is comprised of national, regional and local leadership that has worked to build trust amongst the various parties. The founding members will work to encourage other groups and leadership to join the federation thereby extending its impact and capabilities.

Jamie Radtke, Chairman of the Richmond Tea Party stated, "The National Tea Party Federation is based upon successful models deployed over the past year. These include actions like our own efforts in Virginia. We understand the importance of standing together while enhancing the ability to frame the discussion and realize gains amongst this approach to collaboration."

The federation was formed in response to a concerted effort of misinformation propagated by the main stream media. The federation will act as a "rapid response" team to mainstream media misinformation.

Jamie Radtke, further commented, "We have experienced the attempts to suggest that Tea Party members are not part of America's mainstream. As a mother, I have made my best efforts to raise my voice to oppose the actions of this government for the benefit of my family, community and my country. We and the Virginia Tea Party Federation welcome this effort and the national exposure it will give our movement and our members."

NTPF has also established alliances which include like-minded advocacy and support groups such as:

- 60 Plus
- Americans for Prosperity
- Americans for Tax Reform
- Bannon Strategic Advisors
- Citizens Against Government Waste
- Citizens United
- Constitutional Sovereignty Alliance
- Contract From America
- Doctor Patient Medical Association

- Family Research Council
- FreedomWorks
- Heartland Institute
- Institute for Liberty
- Let Freedom Ring
- Moms for America
- National Taxpayers Union
- Ronald Reagan Institute for Conservative Leadership
- Richard Viguerie
- Tea Party Patriots Live!
- Victory Media Group

Mark A. Skoda of The Memphis Tea Party commented, "The combination of the Tea Party leadership and a strong network of alliances brings together activists with the resources to get our message out while coordinating across these many groups. The talent, experience and results orientation of the National Tea Party Federation is unprecedented in the current political environment."

Amy Kremer, of American Grass Roots Coalition and a Director of TEA Party Express, commented, "As a woman and mother, my concerns for the country revolve around our message of smaller government and accountability. The NTPF provides a way in which we can coordinate our efforts nationally and respond to the antagonism of the Left through the media and hold them accountable to responsible reporting."

Grass roots activists everywhere have worked to inform themselves, notify their representatives of their objections and take action in the form of rallies, meetings and calls into those representatives. Individual groups have worked tirelessly to assemble their members and deliver their comments to their elected legislators. However, the formation of the National Tea Party Federation will allow for a "clearinghouse" of messaging, media comment, local video and documentation while at the same time aligning the affiliates in "one message, one face."

Skoda, further stated, "The Tea Party movement's favorability is at an all time high of fifty-two percent. The extraordinary efforts, put forward by common citizens to make their voices heard, will now have a federation capable of national communication."

Darla Dewald of ResistNet also commented, "The power of this federation is extraordinary. The leadership and advisors who have chosen to affiliate within the National Tea Party Federation are key activists with the capability to deliver a clear message while also working with their membership to achieve change."

Maggie Hunt of the Santee East County Tea Party stated, "This federation, much like the United States itself, is a combination of large Tea Party organizations and smaller local groups. We are so please to play our part and to participate in this important effort. The time to align our messaging is now and the National Tea Party Federation will give voice to many more in the Tea Party movement."

Dozens of other Tea Party leadership and affiliates have been invited into the National Tea Party Federation and are working through their review processes. The NTPF is an open

federation and welcomes all Tea Party groups and affiliates who are committed to the core principles of fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets.

For further information or to register and participate in the National Tea Party Federation, please visit our website at www.thenationalteapartyfederation.com.

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