



## **Strength in numbers!**

Here is how we will use your dues money. This is all we will try to accomplish. When these goals have been completed, we will consider our job done and return all remaining money to our members (you).

All Taxivist sponsored candidates will sign commitments to support these initiatives while in office.

1. Change the election process for Congress and the White House.
  - All candidates are funded by the government. No personal money or outside contributions are allowed. Period.
  - Any qualified citizen can be a candidate for office if they collect enough signatures on an official candidacy petition. Each level of office has a certain number of signatures required. (See Details)
  - Every TV and radio station with an FCC license will be required to give each official candidate a certain number of primetime advertising minutes for political messages. (See Details)
  - The campaign session lasts for six weeks before the election. No campaigning is allowed before that period.
  - The actual election will take place after campaign week six, over a 7 day period, with polls open 24 hours each day.
  
2. Change the way Congress and the President are paid.
  - All elected members of Congress and the President are paid a salary equal to twice the median wage of the people they represent. For example, the President represents the entire country and is therefore paid a salary equal to the median wage of all the American citizens. (See Details)
  - All benefits, such as health care, insurance, travel, allowances and other perks are exactly equal to the benefits enjoyed by the majority of the citizens they represent.
  - All retirement benefits for members of Congress and the President are eliminated. These are positions of public service, not positions of personal enrichment.
  
3. Eliminate the influence of big money on the political process.
  - No access to the floor of Congress for anyone other than the current elected members of Congress. Former members of Congress have no more privileges than a regular citizen.
  - All members of Congress and the President must wait a minimum of two years after leaving Congress before accepting a job with any political affiliation, except public speaking positions.
  - All active members of Congress and the White House are prohibited from accepting any gifts, travel and/or paid speaking engagements.
  - All laws are written only by members of Congress or the White House.

## The Details:

### Candidacy Petition Signature Requirements

1. This is how many signatures a potential candidate must collect on an official candidacy petition to become an official candidate and be awarded campaign funds.
2. With regard to “qualified” citizens, some offices have age restrictions as a condition for the position.

Office	Signatures
President	1,000,000
Senator	500,000
Congressman	250,000

### Television and Radio Requirements

1. This is the amount of advertising time that all FCC licensed television and radio stations will provide to each official candidate without cost to the candidate or the government.
2. These ads will be aired only during the six week campaign period.
3. Most ads are 30 second spots, so if a candidate is awarded 30 minutes of advertising time. That equals 60 ads per FCC station for the six week period.
4. This requirement does not prevent the candidates from purchasing additional advertising time.

Office	Air Time in Minutes
President	30
Senator	20
Congressman	10

### Compensation for Elected Officials

1. This is how we will know if our elected officials are effective. They will be paid a salary that is proportional to the median wage of the citizens they represent. When our wages increase, their wages increase.
2. It seems fair to base the salary on twice the media wage, since federal elected officials will need to maintain homes in their home state and in Washington.

Office	Median Wage Basis
President	The entire country
Senator	The represented state
Congressman	The represented district