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NOTE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friends,

After an extraordinarily unusual year largely defined by the coronavirus pandemic and America's reckoning with racial injustice, the future is beginning to appear a bit more certain. The nation is now moving toward recovery with a new administration in place, and the opportunity to restore our democracy and shore up accountability has never been greater -- or more necessary.

In 2020, Open The Government convened more than 40 organizations and experts from across the political spectrum to create Accountability 2021, a landmark agenda to address critical gaps in transparency, ethics, and oversight designed to promote long-lasting accountability in government far beyond simply a return to a pre-Trump era. Accountability 2021 addresses accountable government in six central themes, specifically open government, ethics, responsive government, whistleblowers, balance of power, and pandemic preparedness and response. We have already advanced the Accountability 2021 agenda with this administration, securing important victories, but much more needs to be done. The coalition's work continues as we urge the Biden administration and Members of Congress to prioritize and embrace recommendations that are foundational to restoring our democratic institutions.

As OTG advocates for greater implementation of the Accountability 2021 blueprint, we recognize that our government remains least accountable to communities of color and that government can never be fully accountable if we fail to address entrenched racial inequities in policy-making.

Drawing on our expertise as a coalition hub, we launched Liberty and Justice for All, a project that will expand the accountability coalition so that we redefine accountability to resonate with and help empower organizations of the racial and social justice movement.

We recognize that our democracy remains in crisis; too many Americans question constitutionally protected processes and the validity of the election, resulting in the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. We will continue to galvanize our coalition to map out solutions to repair the cracks in our democratic foundations.

We are immensely thankful for what we have accomplished during a challenging year, working in tandem with a growing, diverse list of coalition partners, Steering Committee members, and generous funders who are committed to strengthening our democracy. And we are grateful for the energy and commitment that so many of our colleagues have demonstrated in pursuit of A More Perfect Union through a more transparent and accountable government.

Sincerely,

Tom Susman
Chair, Steering Committee,
Open The Government

Lisa Rosenberg
Executive Director,
Open The Government
STEERING COMMITTEE

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HOW OUR STORY BEGAN

Open The Government (OTG) is the only nonpartisan coalition working to strengthen democracy and empower the public by advancing policies that create a more open and accountable government.

Launched in 2003 to push back against the increase in government secrecy that followed the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Open The Government acts as a force multiplier, amplifying voices in civil society to strengthen our democratic institutions, increase access to information, protect national security, and address threats to access and openness. We work with broad communities to make transparency and accountability a common goal and we build relationships with allies who can pull on different levers of government to advance accountability and defeat harmful policies and practices. As our democracy remains in crisis and our institutions fail to serve all of us equally, our work to strengthen and expand the ecosystem of advocates for accountability is more important than ever.

A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

“Thanks to Open The Government for facilitating a meeting with the National Immigration Justice Project for GAP. It has been transformative for our work with immigration whistleblowers. Building those kind of relationships with public interest groups made us known in the immigration space. OTG is awesome and I am grateful you exist to help us.”

Dana Gold, Senior Counsel & Director of Education and Partnerships, Government Accountability Project
WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

After four years of defending our democracy against unprecedented threats, now is a pivotal moment to put in motion a long-needed agenda that holds our democratic institutions accountable to the public they serve, harnessing the collective power of our coalition to restore, reinforce and reinvigorate the mechanisms that hold officials accountable.

We bring together organizations from across the political spectrum and with differing institutional priorities to find common ground on issues that affect our democratic system. We strengthen the capacity of our partners by leading advocacy efforts, creating and sharing tools, and providing opportunities for collaboration. We uncover information through Freedom of Information Act requests and we provide in-depth research on accountability issues that might otherwise fly below the radar. Our work falls into four key focus areas:

• **Democracy and Accountability.** We foster communication and cooperation between organizations with diverse missions and political leanings to find unifying approaches to strengthening our democracy.

• **Empowerment.** Our research, tools and trainings empower vulnerable populations by increasing access to information about issues that disproportionately impact more marginalized communities, including immigration, surveillance, and criminal justice policies and practices.

• **Peace and Security.** We educate the public to mobilize demand for information about U.S. military activities and we combat excessive national security secrecy through federal policy reforms.

• **Racial Equity and Accountability.** We work in partnership with leaders at the forefront of the fight for racial equity to ensure that communities of color have an equal voice in efforts to create a government that is accountable to all.

A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

“Having a window into what else is going on in the country through OTG has been extremely helpful. The research resources that you provide are valuable. For instance, as we work on our fusion center issues locally, it was extremely helpful to have the report you put together that had a multistate overview of what else is going on in the country.”

Matt Ehling, Board Member, Minnesota Coalition on Government Information
HOW WE DO IT

OTG’s three intersecting roles are as a coalition hub, an advocate and a research organization.

JOIN A VIRTUAL BRIEFING ON FOIA

The Freedom of Information Act, Challenges and Potential Fixes

Thursday, April 8 // 11:00 AM

Hub

As a coalition hub, we unite partners around openness issues by holding convenings to develop policies and strategies. We coordinate grass-tops advocacy efforts to ensure lawmakers meet with or hear from a cross-section of key organizations. We create products, including guides to filing FOIA requests, and offer events and trainings to help partners and others learn how to access government information.

Advocate

As an advocate, OTG champions policies related to transparency for accountability, emphasizing policies that improve records access and retention; government contractor transparency, national security transparency and transparency around the use of force. In 2020, we launched Accountability 2021, a policy agenda for a new administration and Congress to restore openness and accountability in government. By expanding and diversifying our coalition to include organizations on the front line of the fight for racial justice, we are advancing policies to ensure government institutions are accountable to all.

Research

We make public records requests to uncover information in our four focus areas, working closely with partners to make FOIA requests that they don’t have the bandwidth or expertise to make, to ensure our requests aren’t duplicative and to seek information that will support their work. We also aid the research of others in our coalition by providing public records trainings tailored to partners’ top priorities and offering expert guidance after the training to help partners navigate agency responses. We take deep dives into accountability issues that the media and other advocacy organizations have overlooked. Our reports inform the public and help us to develop new congressional champions. In one of our most recent reports, we revealed concerning trends in government secrecy during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as solutions to improve transparency and responsiveness to public records requests.
In the last year, we worked to strengthen our democracy and empower the public by advancing policies that create a more open, accountable, and responsive government.

**Advocating for stronger transparency and accountability in our democracy**

In 2020, OTG convened a broad coalition of more than 40 good government, democracy reform, anti-corruption, and civil rights advocacy organizations and experts to launch Accountability 2021, a landmark policy agenda for the Biden administration and Congress to begin to restore openness and accountability in government. We secured a major victory when President Biden signed an executive order on ethics commitments for the executive branch on his first day in office, a top recommendation for structural ethics reform detailed in Accountability 2021. In the lead up to President Biden’s first 100 days in office, we increased demand for the administration to adopt more of the recommendations in Accountability 2021 through a series of “theme weeks.” Each week, OTG led coalition activities—including webinars, sign-on letters, social media campaigns, and blog posts—focused on a theme central to Accountability 2021. Politico ran a preview of the OTG coalition’s FOIA advocacy letters to Congress and to the Department of Justice during the right-to-know theme week, and a Facebook live on strengthening whistleblower protections has generated 2,000+ views. Most importantly, the effort got the attention of leaders in the administration, resulting in critical opportunities to advance our agenda at the White House and within agencies.

A multi-year initiative, Accountability 2021 will continue to guide OTG’s work and the work of many members of our coalition in the coming years.

Our legislative priorities also gained momentum. OTG led a coalition of dozens of partners from across the political spectrum to draft language that will strengthen the federal FOIA and curb the abuse of exemptions by agencies to circumvent accountability, and we expect legislation based on those recommendations to be introduced later this year. We also secured bi-partisan support for a bill introduced to respond to the Supreme Court’s harmful accountability decision Food Marketing Institute v. Argus Leader Media and we will continue to work towards its passage.

In light of the Trump administration’s failure to uphold its legal responsibility to create and preserve records, OTG led coalition partners urging the Archivist of the United States to take necessary steps to preserve a complete and accurate historical record of the administration - records that will be crucial for effective oversight. Several news stories, including multiple Politico articles (here and here) and a piece by Government Executive captured our advocacy efforts. To prevent subversion of the public’s right to know and obstruction of future efforts to hold the executive branch accountable, we convened a group of experts to craft improvements to the Presidential Records Act and the Federal Records Act. The group has finalized draft legislative language and begun advocating for the reforms on the Hill.
Promoting openness through research and litigation

Trump earned a spot in the history books as the most controversial, least transparent, and most divisive U.S. president. OTG released a timeline of some of the former president’s worst attacks on our democracy. "Trump’s Attacks on Transparency & Accountability" highlights his varied assaults on transparency and serves as a reminder that America must rebuild the guardrails of government accountability to ensure our democracy can withstand assaults from within.

In response to secrecy surrounding the government’s COVID-19 pandemic response, OTG led a FOIA coordination effort with coalition partners and other key stakeholders to streamline FOIA requests. Groups logged more than 600 requests through a shared spreadsheet and met regularly to discuss requests, agency responses, strategy, and litigation plans. Our report, Sick of Secrecy: Challenges to Transparency in the COVID-19 Era (featured in Government Executive) detailed the government’s broad failures to respond to the public records requests and offered policy recommendations to improve responsiveness and transparency throughout the federal government.

After the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) stalled our numerous COVID-19-related FOIA requests, we, along with the Government Accountability Project (GAP), sued the agency to obtain documents that confirmed HHS muzzled scientists in an attempt to control messaging around the pandemic. The records we received as a result of the lawsuit were the basis of a complaint we made to the Office of Special Counsel over the Trump administration’s efforts to silence experts. The Biden administration has since rescinded this policy.

To share FOIA best practices, we hosted a FOIA training for staff of GAP, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, and the Union of Concerned Scientists. Participants learned about FOIA and how to draft requests, and submitted a request to the Environmental Protection Agency focused on the participants’ research interests.
Empowerment Through Information

OTG worked with the News Leaders Association to increase Sunshine Week 2021 engagement by creating the official social media toolkit and leading outreach to the good government community. We kicked off Sunshine Week festivities by hosting an interactive webinar, “The Trump Presidential Library? What Presidents Do to Keep Us from Knowing What Presidents Do,” that was featured in the Palm Beach Post, a USA Today network outlet.

Advocating for stronger immigration transparency, we co-hosted and led discussions at the annual Transparency Convening, which we co-hosted with the American Immigration Council. The event brought together more than 40 of the nation’s leading immigration advocates to share best practices in FOIA, strategies for state and federal litigation, and tips to advance racial justice through transparency.

Leaders from the Open Government Partnership (OGP) called upon OTG to inform efforts to restart the OGP process after its dormancy during the Trump era. Based on our history of convening civil society to participate in OGP during the Obama administration, OTG provided recommendations that, if followed, would increase the chances for success at home while allowing the U.S. to become an example to other nations as to how to use the OGP process to advance meaningful transparency reforms.

A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

“OTG has done a great job of playing the role of convener. There are a lot of groups doing good work, but when you bring people together the way you did with Accountability 2021, you can make two plus two equals five.

Anne Tindall, Counsel, Protect Democracy
Information is power that belongs in the hands of the public. Our current and planned projects are designed to foster robust public access to information, strong oversight mechanisms, and meaningful engagement between the government and the public.

**Fostering liberty and justice for all.** OTG created The Liberty and Justice for All project to build a bridge between racial justice organizations and the accountability community – combining our efforts to develop a transparent, accountable government that works for all, including communities of color. Following the successful Accountability 2021 model, we will expand the coalition in order to co-create and advocate for solutions to the inequities that stem from government decision-making that tilts against or excludes communities of color. By looking beyond the universe of advocates and watchdog organizations that historically have been our partners and engaging emerging voices in racial and social justice movements, OTG is poised to positively affect change. President Biden’s [Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#) has set the stage for historic changes that will address inequities suffered by communities of color, making the timing for The Liberty and Justice for All project even more critical as OTG works to ensure proposed changes are favorable and long-lasting.
Delivering the message of openness and accountability to decision-makers. While the Biden administration has made strides in accountability, it has yet to make a substantive commitment to transparency and oversight. The Accountability 2021 project will continue to provide a roadmap for OTG and our coalition partners to follow as we advance the message of accountability in the administration and in Congress. We will continue to develop opportunities for openness advocates to demand meaningful reforms, that effect change in government accountability policies and practices.

Championing FOIA legislation. FOIA is an important tool to create an informed public. OTG led our coalition in creating legislative recommendations to strengthen FOIA and will continue to advocate for the legislation while securing bipartisan support from Members of Congress to ensure its success.

We will work for passage of the Open and Responsive Government Act of 2019, a bill introduced to respond to the Supreme Court’s decision in Food Marketing Institute v. Argus Leader Media by restoring the public’s access to data the government collects from private companies.

Reforming records preservation in federal government. The proper preservation of records is essential for executive branch accountability and oversight. OTG is leading efforts on the Hill to strengthen the Presidential Records Act and Federal Records Act.

Updating classification policy to increase transparency. The post-9/11 era has exacerbated national security over-classification, paving the way for unnecessary government secrecy such as classification of impeachment-related testimony and pandemic response meetings. Ahead of the 20th year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, OTG will continue to lead classification reform efforts and will finalize recommendations to the Biden administration to prevent future abuses by ensuring classification protects sensitive information instead of protecting the government from embarrassment or accountability. The reforms will include improving declassification efficiency, reducing the backlog of records that are overdue for declassification, bringing classification policy up to date, aligning policy with congressional intent, and strengthening oversight of matters of a high public interest.

Informing local, state and national stakeholders. As a convener, we will continue to amplify our partners’ work and using tools such as our monthly bulletin, we will share resources that we create, and provide stakeholders with opportunities to share information with one another. Through our FOIA training program and our own public records requests, we will amplify our partners’ efforts in increasing the public’s access to information about government.
NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COALITION PARTNERS

OTG welcomed Dr. Jeanine Abrams McLean, John Yang, and Nick Chedli Carter as the newest additions to our Steering Committee in 2021. Jeanine is vice president of Fair Count, an organization dedicated to partnering with hard to count communities to achieve a fair and accurate count of all people in Georgia and the nation in the 2020 Census. She is a highly skilled researcher with over 15 years of experience designing, managing, and implementing population-based studies and projects. John is president and executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, an organization that advocates for the civil rights and empowerment of Asian Americans. His extensive legal background enables AAJC to address systemic policies, programs, and legislative attempts to discriminate against and marginalize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and other minority communities. Nick is a technology and democracy fellow at the Harvard Ash Center and managing director of Resilient Democracy, a civic engagement initiative dedicated to a more equitable and resilient democracy through promoting innovative and inclusive strategies, practices and technology. Nick is keenly interested in furthering initiatives that close the equity gap in civic technology and hold the promise of transformative civic engagement to increase voter turnout, scale equitable best practices and ultimately achieve a civil society that is positively impacted by the realities of the digital age.

We also welcomed Accountable.US, American Immigration Council, Knowledge Ecology International, and National Immigration Justice Center into our fold of coalition partners.

A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

“\nAs a small organization, our partnerships have to be efficient and productive to be worthwhile and we’ve had that experience being a part of the coalition. For example, we enjoyed working with OTG on a facial recognition citizen’s guide as part of a broader records request project on the use of the technology by law enforcement around the country that led to a front-page investigative New York Times story."

Beryl Lipton, Projects Editor/Senior Reporter, MuckRock
SAMPLE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS
SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

OTG earned 1,300,000+ impressions (the total number of times a tweet has been seen) and a boost in engagement (comments, retweets) from more than 29,263 profile visits and 700+ mentions on Twitter. OTG also landed reputable media and policy influencers as followers on both Twitter and Facebook. Through our monthly bulletin, Transparency Matters, we continue to receive inquiries about our work and open government-related requests for assistance. The OTG website also continues to be a resource for the coalition and the public, with more than 19,000 returning and new visitors in the past year.
EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK IN OUR FOCUS AREAS

Democracy and Accountability

Coalition Letter to Pelosi Outlines Critical Next Steps for Select Committee on Jan. 6 Investigation
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Open The Government and Government Accountability Project Request Investigation into Illegal HHS Gag Orders

OTG Urges NARA to Revise Proposed Changes to Electronic Records Management Regulations

Biden's Ethics Plan Earns First Victory for Accountability Reform Advocates

A Reprehensible Attack on our democracy
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Congrats, President-Elect Biden! Now, Restore Accountability in the Federal Government

Trump must respect the democratic process
https://www.openthegovernment.org/trump-must-respect-the-democratic-process/

Accountability 2021: Recommendations for accountability in the federal government
https://www.openthegovernment.org/accountability-2021/
Trump's COVID-19 infection raises unanswered questions about health, accountability to Americans

OTG endorses stronger oversight, accountability, and transparency provisions in new CORE Act

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DHS Records Destruction Proposal Would Sanction Agency’s Persistent Misconduct
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OTG Coalition, Former Government Ethics Chief Calls on White House to Release Virtual Visitor Logs

Monumental HR1 Passage in House Expands Democracy Reform, Senate Must Follow Suit
OTG applauds Senate’s introduction of S. 1, the For the People Act

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After Trump’s unprecedented attacks on inspectors general and whistleblowers, Biden must strengthen protections

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