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Thomas A. Schatz is president of Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) and its lobbying affiliate, the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW).

CAGW was founded by the late businessman J. Peter Grace and late Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Jack Anderson in 1984 following the completion of President Ronald Reagan's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control (the Grace Commission). A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization, CAGW works to eliminate waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government and has more than one million members and supporters nationwide. According to official Office of Management and Budget and CAGW estimates, implementation of Grace Commission and other CAGW waste-cutting recommendations has helped save taxpayers $1.08 trillion.

Mr. Schatz is a nationally-recognized spokesperson on government waste and has been interviewed on hundreds of radio talk shows from coast to coast. He is a regularly featured guest on national television news programs and local news broadcasts. His appearances include ABC's "Good Morning America," CBS's "60 Minutes," FOX News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," NBC's "Nightly News," and PBS's "The News Hour." He was a regularly featured guest on the "Pork Watch" segment of CNBC's "Squawk Box." His editorials on fiscal policy have appeared in publications nationwide, including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal.*

Mr. Schatz has testified numerous times on government waste issues before committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, as well as before state and local legislative and regulatory bodies.

During his 28 years with CAGW, Mr. Schatz has helped make CAGW a "leading government watchdog on fiscally conservative issues, like taxes and earmarks," according to *National Journal*. In his role as president of CCAGW, *The Hill* named him one of the "top 10 public interest lobbyists."

Prior to joining CAGW in 1986, Mr. Schatz spent six years as legislative director for Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. and two years practicing law and lobbying.

Mr. Schatz holds a law degree from George Washington University and graduated With Honors from the State University of New York at Binghamton with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is married to Leslee Behar and has two daughters, Samantha and Alexandra.