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David Keating is the President of the Center for Competitive Politics (CCP), the nation's largest organization dedicated solely to protecting First Amendment political rights.

In 2007, Mr. Keating founded the organization SpeechNow.org due to his frustration with the incessant attacks on the First Amendment. His goal was to give Americans who support free speech a way to join together, pool their resources, and advocate for federal candidates who agree with them – and work to defeat those who do not.

At that time, current campaign finance laws were restricting SpeechNow.org's ability to engage in independent expenditures due to burdensome contribution limits on their donors. This led to the court case, *SpeechNow.org v. FEC*, and the result was a ruling by the federal courts that such a law was indeed unconstitutional. This ruling created what has now become known technically as an Independent Expenditure Only Political Committee, or more informally as a Super PAC.

Prior to becoming President of CCP, Mr. Keating was the Executive Director of the Club for Growth. He has played a key role in helping the Club grow its membership and influence in public policy and politics.

For many years, Mr. Keating served as Executive Vice President of the National Taxpayers Union. Mr. Keating also served as the Washington Director of Americans for Fair Taxation, a tax reform group that promotes passage of the FairTax to replace the income tax.

In May 1996, he was appointed to the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service by then-Senator Bob Dole because of his leading role in the development and passage of the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. The Commission's report was released in June 1997, and served as the basis for legislation approved by Congress in 1998, which included a further expansion of taxpayers' rights as advocated by Mr. Keating during his work on the Commission.

He also played key roles in passage of income tax indexing legislation to prevent inflation from boosting taxpayers into higher tax brackets and passage of a bill to protect innocent spouses from being dunned by the IRS for unfair tax debts.