

# By the Order of the President for a Day

# Executive Order No. 21825.2

# Campaign Finance Reform to Promote Equal Representation and Democratic Integrity

By the authority vested in me as President for a Day. I hereby order the following:

# Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The financial influence exerted in the political process has grown unchecked to the detriment of Americans' right to fair and equal representation. Campaigns increasingly rely on large contributions from wealthy donors, special interest groups, and super PACs, allowing those with more significant financial resources to disproportionately influence the outcomes of elections. This undermines the core values of democracy by prioritizing the interests of the few over the will of the people. It is imperative to reform our campaign finance system to ensure that those with vast financial power do not drown out the voices of ordinary citizens.

#### Section 2. Establishment of Public Campaign Financing Programs

- (a) The Executive Branch will work with Congress to establish and fund a national public financing program for federal elections. This program will provide qualified candidates with a financial foundation to run their campaigns without relying on large private donations or special interests.
- (b) Candidates who agree to abide by strict spending limits and pledge to raise funds only through small-dollar donations will be eligible for public funds. This program aims to diminish the influence of wealth in elections by providing an equitable distribution of funds for campaign activities.

#### Section 3. Strengthening Transparency and Disclosure

- (a) All political donations, including those made by individuals, corporations, and political action committees (PACs), must be fully disclosed within 48 hours of receipt. This will ensure that voters can easily access information regarding the financial backers of political candidates and organizations.
- (b) The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will be empowered to oversee and enforce these disclosure requirements and will have the authority to impose penalties for violations.

#### Section 4. Curbing the Influence of Super PACs and Dark Money

- (a) The Executive Branch will propose and encourage legislation to curb the influence of super PACs and organizations in dark money spending. These groups will be required to publicly disclose their funding sources and demonstrate transparency in their activities.
- (b) Efforts will be made to rein in the growing practice of "issue advocacy" advertising, which allows organizations to spend unlimited funds on political campaigns under the guise of nonpartisan issue promotion. Regulations will be established to ensure that these groups cannot directly or indirectly influence the outcome of elections unaccountably.

### Section 5. Reducing Fundraising Time and Costs

- (a) The President will direct the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to work with Congress to impose reasonable limits on the length of time candidates can spend on fundraising activities. This will ensure that candidates focus more on public policy issues and less on the pursuit of large donors.
- (b) In addition, candidates who qualify for the public financing program will be prohibited from spending more than a fixed percentage of their time on fundraising activities.

#### Section 6. Promoting a Fair and Balanced Electoral Process

(a) The Department of Justice will establish a Task Force on Electoral Integrity and Campaign Finance Reform to examine the current state of campaign financing, identify loopholes that allow for the undue influence of money in politics, and recommend further reforms to promote fairness and accountability.

#### Section 7. Implementation

(a) The provisions outlined in this Executive Order will be carried out by the relevant federal agencies, including the Federal Election Commission (FEC), the Department of Justice, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in close coordination with Congress.

#### **Section 8. Government's Commitment**

By issuing this Executive Order, we reaffirm the government's commitment to transparency, accountability, and fairness in serving the people of the United States. These reforms will foster a more dynamic federal workforce and ensure that employees at all levels remain responsive to the nation's evolving needs.

#### **Section 9. Effective Date**

This Executive Order is effective immediately upon signing and shall remain in force until Congress or the Executive Branch takes further action to advance the goals outlined herein.

Issued this day of 18th day of February 2025,

Rodney President for a Day