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Event on Bipartisan Consensus on Elections Legislation

Monday, June 27, 10:30 am
National Institute for Civil Discourse Offices & Conference Center
at the University of Arizona DC Center
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 500

Continental Breakfast served at 10 am before the formal event begins at 10:30

Welcome & Introduction: Striking bipartisan consensus among leaders, experts, and everyday Americans that Congress should enact several commonsense reforms that will increase trust in elections

Electoral Count Act

- CommonSense American (CSA) results
 - Clarify that vice president's role is ministerial—**92% support**
 - Both sides underestimate other side's support
 - GOP members of CSA *think* 67% of Dems support, but **97% actually support**
 - DEM members of CSA *think* 41% of GOP support, but **86% actually support**
 - Clarify that Congress must honor where courts have ruled on disputes—**81% support**
 - Raise threshold for objections to one-quarter of Senate and of House—**76% support**
 - **89% support** updates even if Congress does not pass other elections measures
- Panel
 - [Steve Bradbury](#) (General Counsel, USDOT in Trump Administration; Head of Office of Legal Counsel, DOJ, George W. Bush Administration)
 - [Ned Foley](#) (Professor, Ohio State Law; WaPo elections columnist)
 - [Rick Pildes](#) (Professor, NYU Law)

Presidential Transition Act

- CommonSense American results
 - Share full transition resources with both candidates if ascertainment of winner delayed—**70% support**
 - Provide criteria for ascertainment—**71% support**
- Panel
 - [Norm Ornstein](#) (AEI)
 - [Michael Herz](#) (Professor, Cardozo Law)



Election Worker Security—CommonSense American results

- Privacy protections (e.g., home address of election workers)—**85% support**
- Criminal penalties—**81% support**

Elections Funding

- CommonSense American results
 - \$500 million per year on-going general state and local funding—**63% support**
 - \$400 - \$500 million one-time for pressing needs like election security—**60% support**
- Research on funding need, [Charles Stewart](#) (Professor, MIT Elections Lab)
- State and local elections officials funding recommendations, [David Becker](#) (Executive Director, Center for Election Innovation and Research)

State & Local Elections Leaders Panel on Election Worker Security and Funding

- [Trey Grayson](#)—Moderator (former Secretary of State, also former President of National Association of Secretaries of State, Chair of Republican Secretaries of State Association, and Director of Harvard Institute of Politics)
- [Shenna Bellows](#) (Secretary of State, Maine)
- [Bill Gates](#) (Chair Maricopa County, AZ, Board of Supervisors)
- [Al Schmidt](#) (former Philadelphia City Commissioner)
- [Leigh Chapman](#) (Secretary of State, PA)

