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)