



THE SOLARI REPORT

**Working Successfully
with State Leaders
Who Will Take
Responsibility**

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“There’s a world full of great people doing great things. Find the good ones, and you can help them get amazing things done.”

~ Catherine Austin Fitts

*“The things that we are talking about are things that we cannot ‘come close to doing’—we have to **do** them.”*

~ Tennessee Representative Bud Hulse

“Who’s your banker, who’s your farmer, who’s your sheriff, where’s your money?”

~ Catherine Austin Fitts

INTRODUCTION

Why Get Involved?

Over the years, the Solari Report has produced many resources to help our subscribers take action locally. Our *Take Action 2021* report, for example, contains a wealth of ideas on how to “go local” in your town, municipality, or county and how to join forces with like-minded individuals, including other Solari subscribers in your area.¹ In this report, we focus on how to (for lack of a better term) “go state.”

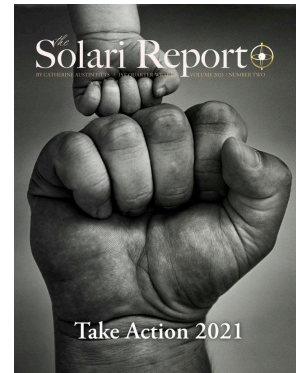
It goes without saying that one of the first things you can do is vote in state races. In the U.S., state and local races tend to attract significantly lower voter turnout than national elections.

(Elsewhere, such as in Europe, turnout patterns are more complex.²) It is estimated that only about 15% to 27% of eligible U.S. voters turn out for local races,³ compared to 46% to 66% for the last three national elections (midterm and presidential).⁴ Voting in state legislative races can, therefore, make a difference.

Beyond voting, many other actions are possible, but first, decide how much time and/or money you want to invest. You want to get the best result for freedom that you can with the time and money that you have available. Ask yourself what you want to accomplish. Where do you want to jump in? Who else is out there who can leverage your efforts? You may decide that it is a more effective use of your time or money to help a group or person who is already getting things done, rather than start a new effort from scratch.

If you are ready to do something more than just vote, investing time in building relationships with your state legislators offers many benefits. If you do not already know who they are, you can find out which legislators represent you by doing a search on your state’s legislative websites. For someone who has never reached out to a legislator before, the process initially may seem daunting. However, many find that once they dive in, the undertaking is quite rewarding.

If you are lucky enough to have effective, high-integrity legislators in your own district, that is the obvious place to start. However, while it is always helpful to establish a relationship with your representatives, if they are not freedom fighters and you would rather spend time supporting the freedom fighters—even if they are in other districts—you can do so. There is no reason that you cannot cultivate relationships with excellent legislators who are outside of your district, as well as with other state-level leaders.



As the National Conference of State Legislatures observes, trustworthiness is an important determinant of a state legislator's effectiveness:

“Trust plays a major, but unwritten, role in the legislative process.... Trust must be earned, however. In a legislative body, it is earned the old-fashioned way—by being a person who never fails to keep a promise.... Legislators who cannot be depended on to keep their word will not count for much in the legislative process.”⁵

I. Who's Who and What's Up in Your District

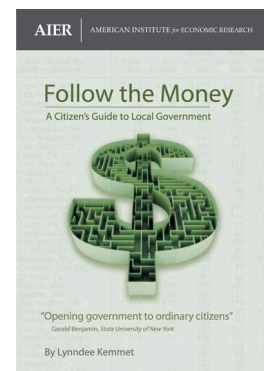
Before reaching out to your legislators, it is helpful to map out the economic and political basics concerning your district and, to the extent possible, your state. Every place is different, but in general, you will want to develop a picture of how the money works in the district, and of how your district fits in within the context of your state. This might include investigating the following:

- What are the key industries or businesses in the district and state?
- Who are the district's major employers?
- Which players in your district are particularly influential at the state level?
- To what extent is the district dependent on federal dollars?
- In the state legislature, who are the most prominent freedom fighters?
- What groups are lobbying for the freedom-related issues that you are interested in?

On any given issue, there are people who are already trying to get something done (whether “for” or “against” your position). It is important to understand this history, so that you know who has been there before you and whether you may be able to work with them.

If you don't know where to start in your investigations, the 2017 Solari Report titled “Unpacking Your Financial Ecosystem” provides many suggestions.⁶ There, we emphasize that understanding your local financial ecosystem is a journey, and there are many different ways to go about it. The important thing is not to let the process overwhelm you; focus on the aspects that you find interesting. Whether you devote two hours a week or two hours a month to the effort, find ways to make it enjoyable.

Another excellent resource that we recommend every year in our list of Best Books is the 2010 publication by the American Institute for Economic Research (AIER) titled *Follow the Money: A Citizen's Guide to Local Government*.⁷ This freely downloadable resource, although focused on municipalities rather than states, can help you understand the



budgeting process and may give you ideas about ways to get involved at both the local and state levels.

Articles on the Solari site that can serve as additional resources are those written by Gary L. Heckman, one of the authors of our *Take Action 2021* report. (See, for example, “Want to Have a Real Impact? Shift Your Time to State and Local Politics”⁸ and “Going Local.”⁹)

A tool helpful for researching your area’s financial ecosystem is the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) website of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB).¹⁰ EMMA is a free source of data and information on municipal bonds—the equivalent of a municipal prospectus. The official statements published for all state and local municipal bonds often contain a wealth of information on agency budgets and financial statements, as well as helpful statistics and other indicators relevant to the jurisdiction’s economy.

II. Your State Legislature

The next step is to understand the basics of how your state legislature operates. Across the 50 U.S. states, there are a total of 6,766 legislative districts and 7,386 legislative seats.¹¹ In all states, the upper house is called the Senate (or State Senate), whereas the lower house may go by various names. In 41 states, the lower house is called the House of Representatives, but in three states (Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia) it is the House of Delegates, in another three (California, New York, Wisconsin) the State Assembly, and in one each, the General Assembly (New Jersey) or Assembly (Nevada).¹² Nebraska is unique in having a unicameral (single-house) rather than bicameral legislature.

In the majority of states (41), the legislature is part-time. Sometimes called “citizen legislatures,” part-time legislatures meet for just a portion of the year, usually starting in January or February; in a handful of states, the legislature meets only in odd-numbered years. The duration of the legislative session varies by state.

In nine states (Alaska, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin), the legislature operates year-round.¹³ Year-round legislatures have more resources to draw on than part-time legislatures, but ironically, they may be less open to citizen input and participation.¹⁴ According to a 2017 study carried out by the National Conference of State Legislatures, states with full-time legislatures have an average of 1,250 staff members, versus an average of 160 to 469 staff in states where legislators work half-time or at most three-quarters time.¹⁵

III. Understanding a Legislator's Ecosystem

It is important to recognize that there is an economic and political ecosystem around every legislator. Before you start developing a relationship with your representative and/or senator, it is helpful to become familiar with their background, election history, and voting record. Sources that you can use to gather this information include:

- Legislator bios and voting history (available at the state's House and Senate websites)
- The legislator's personal or business website(s)
- Campaign websites
- News sources on the Internet (e.g., interviews, videos, news stories)
- State filings on campaign contributions
- Financial disclosures
- Your state's equivalent of the Federal Election Commission (FEC)
- The OpenSecrets website ("the nation's premier research group tracking money in U.S. politics"),¹⁶ which provides state data at [FollowTheMoney.org](https://www.followthemoney.org)
- [Ballotpedia.org](https://www.ballotpedia.org)

Using these sources, here are some questions you may wish to consider for a given legislator:

- What is their professional background?
- What are their areas of interest? What issues do they flag as particularly important?
- How long have they been in office?
- Did they win office by a lot or a little in the most recent election?
- Where do their campaign donations come from? Who are their major donors?
- What committees do they serve on?
- What is their voting record?
- What bills have they sponsored?
- Which of the sponsored bills have passed?

If you are in one of the 41 states where the legislature operates part-time, you will want to know what your legislators do outside of their legislative responsibilities. What is their primary source of income? What expertise have they acquired through their non-legislative work? In the Solari Report's June 2024 "backcasting" with five Idaho

legislators,¹⁷ for example, the five legislators all had significant experience as small business owners and entrepreneurs, grounding them in a deeply felt understanding of many constituents' needs and challenges. As one website puts it, because citizen legislators are active in their various professions, it keeps them "closely connected to the concerns of their communities."¹⁴

It also helps to understand who the other important players are at the state level. Wherever a position is an elected office (rather than appointed), there may be opportunities for citizens to get involved in the campaigns and get to know the candidates.



Key offices include:

- **Governor:** In some states, it may be possible to get to know the governor's office staff or campaign staff. As of 2024, a majority of governors are Republican; visit the website of the Republican Governors Association (RGA) for more information.¹⁸
- **Speaker of the House:** The state speaker of the House "serves as the chief spokesman for the lower chamber, presides over legislative sessions, directs the legislative process, and performs additional ... duties."¹⁹
- **Senate President:** Senate presidents "preside over legislative sessions and ensure that members of the chamber abide by procedural rules."²⁰ In many states, the Senate president is the lieutenant governor.
- **State Treasurer:** The state treasurer "is the official charged with overseeing revenue and finances and generally acting as the state's chief banker."²¹ Of the 48 states in which there is a state treasurer, 36 elect their treasurer; in the remaining 12 states, either the governor (8) or the legislature (4) appoints the treasurer. In New York and Texas, the state controller performs the treasurer's duties.
- **State Attorney General (AG):** The AG "serves as the chief legal advisor and chief law enforcement officer for the state government."²² The AG is elected in 43 states; in the remaining seven states, the governor (5), legislature (1), or state Supreme Court (1) appoints the AG.
- **Agriculture Commissioner:** Most states (38) appoint their agriculture commissioner (also called the Secretary of Agriculture or the Director of Agriculture).²³ Just 12 states elect their agriculture commissioner.

Of note, treasurers and AGs in some states are becoming more active in the fight for freedom than they have been traditionally. It may be possible to meet with an AG's or treasurer's legislative aide or liaison to educate them about specific issues. In recent years, groups such as the State Financial Officers Foundation (SFOF), focused on "fiscally sound public policy" and "responsible financial management in a free market

economy,²⁴ have supported conservative state treasurers who are pushing back against ESG (environmental, social, and governance) policies.²⁵ For example, SFOF member Marlo Oaks, Utah's state treasurer, has led opposition to the weaponization of ESG standards.²⁶ Oaks was also one of 23 state treasurers or auditors to sign a December 2023 letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman pushing back against a rule change favoring the creation of Natural Asset Companies (NACs).²⁷ Oaks characterizes NACs as “one of the greatest threats to rural communities in the history of our nation.”²⁸

As for state AGs, in May 2024, a group of 22 AGs submitted a letter to the Biden administration regarding the WHO pandemic treaty, stating that they would “resist any attempt to enable the WHO to directly or indirectly set public policy for [their] citizens.”²⁹ In fall 2021, Arizona attorney general Mark Brnovich was the first to file a lawsuit against the Biden administration's unconstitutional Covid-19 vaccine mandates.³⁰ The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) supports attorneys general who “promote and protect the Constitution, freedom, and opportunity for future generations.”³¹

IV. Building a Relationship

When you have acquired a sense of the two legislators who represent you and their areas of interest, start building a relationship of mutual understanding and respect with one (or both) of them. In states with part-time legislatures, the optimal time to do this will be during the legislative off-season. Be sure to get on your legislators' email lists and then watch for and attend public events where you can listen to and hopefully meet them. These might include town hall meetings, debates, speaking events, fundraisers, or other campaign events open to the public. Another option is to consider whether you know someone who knows your legislator(s); could they facilitate an introduction?

Making an appointment to meet your legislator at their district or capitol office can help keep the ball rolling. The goal is to steadily connect with and support them in a variety of ways. This can also include calling the legislator's office with questions or comments, continuing to attend events, making donations (even small donations will be noticed and appreciated), connecting your legislator with others in the community, and generally showing interest. Assume that they are trying to do a good job, and find opportunities to align with them in ways that give them—and you—energy. In general, the more you are seen, the more influence you will have.

State legislators are very busy people. Being respectful of their time—or better yet, finding ways to save them time—will earn recognition. Remember that in the majority of states where the legislature operates part-time, legislators do not have a lot of staff (in smaller states, it might be a staff of one). The good news is that the best freedom-fighting legislators in those states do not have control files³² and tend to be relatively

free of mind control. They are not there to make money or “get ahead”; generally, they are hard-working and want to be useful, but they also have a lot of knowledge about what may be standing in the way of achieving the specific freedom-related goals that you are interested in having them pursue.

Once you have established an ongoing relationship, you can begin to communicate with your legislator about the key freedom issues for which you are fighting, recognizing that you may need to raise their awareness about those issues. For example, you may want to educate them about the risks of an all-digital financial transaction control system or the benefits of decentralized local food networks.

Tennessee State Senator Frank Niceley advises,

“You need to start ahead of the time when election time rolls around; they will usually have a fundraiser or a rally or a breakfast or something.... Go to their fundraiser (or other events)—you don’t have to give them any money; they just generally need a crowd.... Get to know them before you need them and explain the issues to them little by little.... You can’t teach it to them all in one sentence.... It’s an ongoing process.”

V. How Bills Are Sponsored and Run

Many bills move through a state legislature during a legislative session. LegiScan.com is an excellent resource for tracking bills in state legislatures (select “Bill Tracking” in the menu at the top of the home page).

The legislative process is not the same in every state. For example, Tennessee and West Virginia require sponsorship of bills in both houses, but Louisiana does not. As the National Conference of State Legislatures explains, “Every state is unique in its method of legislative operations and in its lawmaking procedures,” and “Individual states take pride in doing things their own way.”⁵ Thus, it pays to take the time to learn how bills are sponsored and run in your state.³³

In a state requiring sponsorship in both houses, the process might look something like what is described below, and will be similar in most aspects in the majority of U.S. states. (Other countries with a republican form of government have a process that is at least somewhat similar, although there are often crucial differences in the details.)

1. Once an idea gains general acceptance, the would-be sponsor sends the idea to Legislative Services to draft the bill. (Legislative Services lawyers take ideas and translate them into the state’s code.)
2. When Legislative Services sends back the drafted bill, it is important for the sponsor and supporters to read through it carefully and make sure everything is drafted to convey the intent of bill. (Sometimes “poison pills” get slipped in!)

3. An identical bill has to be introduced in both the House and the Senate (i.e., every House bill has a Senate companion bill and vice versa). If a bill has no companion bill in the other house (or fails in either house), it can't become a law.
4. Next, the bill is referred to committees in both the House and Senate. Most of the time, a bill will go to one subcommittee and at least one, usually more, full committees in the House and one committee in the Senate. Which committees a bill goes to is determined by which sections of code (e.g., criminal code, health code) the bill opens up, and whether, for example, a bill has a fiscal impact.
5. Next, committee members vote on the bill in committee. Any one of the committees through which the bill has to pass can kill the bill.
6. If the bill passes in all committees, it proceeds to a vote on the floor of both houses. Here again, the bill must be passed on both the House and Senate floor, otherwise it "dies."
7. If, due to different amendments to the bill, which any committee/floor can propose and adopt throughout this process, two different versions of a bill pass out of committee(s) and off the House and Senate floor (where all the members of the House/Senate vote on the bill), the sponsor of the bill in the second house whose floor votes on the bill can either decide to "substitute and conform" (i.e., ~agree) to the other version, or object and have the other house vote on it again. If House and Senate don't agree to the same version, then members of both houses will be selected to form a conference committee to work out a joint version of the bill to again propose to the floor of each house.
8. Once a bill makes it to the floor, it is rare for it to be killed there. (It happens, since most members first get to vote and publicly comment on the bill once it gets to the floor, but it is the exception as many members trust the judgment and subject matter expertise of their colleagues in the committees.)
9. After a bill passes both houses, it goes to the governor to be signed into law or vetoed.
10. If the governor vetoes the bill, the legislature may sustain the veto or override it. In many states, if the governor signs it or does nothing for a certain amount of time (this may depend on whether it is the middle or the end of the session), the bill becomes law.

Although floor amendments do happen, they are frowned upon for several reasons:

- The point of the committee system is to filter and refine bills and only send to the floor what is ready to pass.
- At the time of a floor amendment, there is no more option to correct things thereafter.
- The committee voted on the bill in the form that it had when it was before the committee; thus, amending it later could, if the amendment is substantial, deprive the committee of its ability to assess the bill in the form that is actually going to pass.

The National Conference of State Legislators cautions that in practice, bills “rarely follow a smooth path to enactment.” As Senator Niceley explains, patience is required:

“A lot of times, you introduce a bill knowing it’s not going to pass, but you know you’re going to educate some people. When you get in committee, it’s televised, people back home can look at it. A lot of times we’ll say things in committee just for the people back home, just to educate them. And it might take ... seven or eight years. It’s not going to happen overnight, but you’ve just got to keep plugging, and more people will get involved, and eventually it will happen.”

VI. Involving Your Legislator

When the time feels right, a next step might be to ask your legislator to introduce a freedom-related bill. Recognizing that state legislators and their staff typically have many things going on at one time, you can increase the chances of moving forward by providing your legislator with examples of model legislation or successful bills from other states (see “Becoming a Citizen Lobbyist”). Passing a freedom-favorable bill in one state can make it much easier for another state to follow suit.

Another potentially effective strategy is to first develop a draft of the proposed legislation and circulate it among allies so that when you then share it with your legislator, they know that it has been “pre-vetted.”

Becoming a Citizen Lobbyist

If you want to go the extra mile and become a citizen lobbyist, you can present a bill idea to your representative.

1. Become familiar with the bills that your representative and senator are carrying, and pick one or two you like or are curious about.
2. Send your legislators an introductory email: “Dear [Representative or Senator _____], I am [name], a constituent in your district. I would love to meet with you in person to discuss [the bill you are sponsoring / ideas I have about possible legislation / etc.]”
3. Once a meeting is scheduled, come to the meeting with ideas and materials in hand. Show interest in one or more bills that your legislator is sponsoring—you want to make friends and have them see you as an ally. If

you float an idea for model legislation, bring the materials with you.

4. If your legislator is not interested in the model legislation, ask whether there is anyone else in the House or Senate who would be interested, and ask your legislator to arrange an introduction. If you are planning to meet with a legislator who is not your direct representative (i.e., you are not their constituent), it can be helpful to find and connect with someone in that legislator’s district and arrange a meeting together.
5. It will increase your chances of finding someone willing to sponsor the bill if you identify a sponsor who is well liked.
6. If a legislator decides to sponsor a bill that you’ve brought to them, congratulations—you are now a de facto citizen lobbyist!

Because proposed bills generally have an impact on spending (lowering or increasing revenues, raising expenses, or generating savings), legislatures typically require an accompanying “fiscal note.” Fiscal notes—descriptions of the effect of a bill on the state’s finances—“are intended to accurately and objectively describe the fiscal impact of bills ... so the Legislature can make informed decisions with respect to state and local government finances.”³⁴ Be aware that a fiscal note can sometimes stop a bill in its tracks; thus, when you or others propose a bill or model legislation, it helps to be sensitive to its fiscal implications and solicit sponsors who understand how to navigate the fiscal note process.

You can also ask your legislator to sign on as a cosponsor of someone else’s legislation. In such situations, it helps to make your request concise. If you are not meeting with your legislator in person, calls and hard-copy letters (one page or less) written in your own words have more impact than emails or form letters in convincing legislators to support a measure (see “Sample Letter Requesting that a Legislator Cosponsor a Bill”). Citing succinct data can make your message more effective. If a law similar to the proposed legislation is already in effect in other states, it’s important to include that in the message—the first thing a legislator often asks in considering a request to sponsor or cosponsor a bill is, “Has this been done anywhere else?”

Another way to seek your legislators’ support on a bill is indirectly through an influencer in their district. Kentucky Congressman Thomas Massie says that getting the mayor of a town or city in your district to lobby your legislator can be effective in getting them to sign onto a bill; a popular mayor can be a factor in their reelection hopes. If you know a successful entrepreneur or some other private citizen in your district who has your legislator’s ear, that individual can also help win the legislator’s support.

If you are a freedom fighter working in a particular “lane”—such as food, health, or finance—you will tend to discover that you and other freedom fighters share common goals and may all be approaching the same small handful of high-integrity legislators with your requests. It’s important not to waste legislators’ time with fragmented efforts or “fear porn.” To the extent that you can build bridges with other freedom fighters—with everyone overtly working toward the same end goal—your legislator is likely to be a lot more effective.

Importantly, always thank your legislators and show appreciation when they do something supportive of freedom. It matters. As Tennessee Representative Bud Hulseley poignantly states:

“There’s a frustrating thing sometimes when you’re down there in the battle.... You’ll get ... hundreds of emails telling you ... how wrong you are and how you need to go back home.... I’d just like to get one from somebody ... that says, ‘You’re on the right track doing the right thing.’ But for some reason, those folks stay quiet and they don’t speak up.... You’ve got to talk, and you’ve got to lift up your voice, and you’ve got to say what you think.... I want to do the work I’m supposed to do, but it sure helps when you’re in the middle of a fight and somebody from back home sends you an email and says, ‘I’m watching what you’re doing and I want you to know I thank God for you and I pray for you.’”

Sample Letter Requesting that a Legislator Cosponsor a Bill

By Pete Kennedy

An illustration of a message to a legislator would be the following letter in support of Senate Bill 199 (SB 199), the Montana Local Food Choice Act, a bill that became law in 2021. The Local Food Choice Act allows the unregulated sale of most homemade foods direct from producer to consumer, including raw dairy products from producers with five or fewer cows. The letter provides an excellent example of how to communicate in writing with your legislator.

Dear Senator <last name>,

I am urging you to cosponsor Senate Bill 199 (SB 199), the Local Food Choice Act, legislation that would allow the unregulated sale of most homemade foods direct from producer to consumer. Montana consumers want to buy more of their food directly from local producers. SB 199 will strengthen freedom of choice for consumers by increasing local food sources and by expanding the types of foods they will be able to obtain.

The bill will enable farmers and local artisan producers to make a better living by expanding the types of foods they can sell and by eliminating costs that were due to regulation. An Institute for Justice survey of 775 cottage food (homemade food) producers in 22 states found that the median start-up cost was only \$500.

Producers in other states under laws similar to SB 199 have a great track record for food safety. Wyoming, North Dakota, Utah and Maine all have food freedom laws allowing for the unregulated sale of most foods; Wyoming and Maine laws allow for the unregulated sale of raw dairy products without limiting the size of the herd. There has not been a single foodborne illness outbreak attributed to a producer operating under the food freedom laws in any of those states. Unregulated producers have plenty of incentive to produce safe food; one illness blamed on their food can put them out of business.

Passage of SB 199 will keep more of the food dollar in the community, enhancing the local and state economy. It will also increase food security by increasing the number of local food producers and improving self-sufficiency in food production. In 1940, approximately 70% of the food consumed in Montana was produced in the state; the most recent survey indicates that number is down to about 10%.

For all these reasons, I urge you to cosponsor SB 199, the Montana Local Food Choice Act.

Sincerely,

<Constituent>

VII. Success Stories

A powerful recipe for success is when effective federal and state legislators team up—and, better yet, pool their efforts with state AGs or treasurers. For example, Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY) and Tennessee Senator Frank Niceley have functioned as an influential duo in moving forward state and federal legislation to protect local farms and local food systems. As another example, Congresswoman Harriet Hageman (R-WY) joined forces with Utah treasurer Marlo Oaks in the successful effort to push back against NACs.³⁵

The Solari Report frequently celebrates leaders and citizens who have achieved important and inspiring successes at the state level. The following is by no means an exhaustive list!

Idaho

Idaho 2030: A Vision of Freedom – Five Idaho legislators share their vision, via a backcasting exercise, of how Idaho defeated central control.¹⁷

Louisiana

Pushback of the Week: April 8, 2024: Louisiana State Senate – The Senate unanimously approved a bill prohibiting the enforcement of regulations and mandates from the WHO, the WEF, and the UN within the state.³⁶

Montana

Special Solari Report: Food Series: Food Freedom in Big Sky Country with Montana State Senator Greg Hertz – The senator sponsored and helped pass the Montana Local Food Choice Act.³⁷

North Carolina

Hero of the Week: March 25, 2024: North Carolina Senator Jim Burgin – Senator Burgin hosted a gathering to discuss what can be done to protect financial transaction freedom in his state.³⁸

South Dakota

Hero of the Week: April 8, 2024: South Dakota Representative Julie Auch – Auch's efforts are helping oppose the advances of financial transaction control.³⁹

Tennessee

2023 Heroes of the Year: Tennessee Senator Frank Niceley and Tennessee Representative Bud Hulsey – Solari celebrates two of Tennessee's most effective freedom fighters.⁴⁰

Weston Price Chapter Leader Running for State Representative in Tennessee – Michele Reneau, who ran a food buyers club, runs for office on a platform of limiting government overreach.⁴¹

Hero of the Week: May 13, 2024: Tennessee Senator Jack Johnson and Representative Jason Zachary – A bill introduced by the two legislators, signed by the governor, prohibits de-banking “based upon the use of a social credit score or other factors.”⁴²

Pushback of the Week: April 15, 2024: Tennessee Pushes Back on Pharma Food – Legislators passed a bill requiring that “edible vaccines” be classified as drugs, not food.⁴³

Hero of the Week: January 15, 2024: Tennessee Representative Jay Reedy – The representative introduced a bill requiring that the governor stop unconstitutional foreign combat deployments of the state's National Guard troops.⁴⁴

Hero of the Week: May 1, 2023: Tennessee Legislators Opposing Red Flag Gun Laws – Legislators stand up for the 2nd Amendment.⁴⁵

Hero of the Week: November 14, 2022: Dr. Denise Sibley, MD – Dr. Sibley was instrumental in helping to pass legislation making ivermectin available over-the-counter.⁴⁶

Utah

Hero of the Week: January 8, 2024: State Treasurer Marlo Oaks – The treasurer has actively opposed the weaponization of ESG and led an effort to extend the comment period for new rules related to natural asset companies.⁴⁷

VIII. Additional Solari Resources

Note: **S** indicates resources available exclusively to Solari subscribers.

Financial Transaction Freedom:

- Financial Transaction Freedom: What is it, what threatens it, and how do I take action to secure it?⁴⁸
- The Future of Financial Freedom⁴⁹ **S**
- 1st Quarter 2023 Wrap Up: The Future of Financial Freedom with Richard A. Werner⁵⁰ **S**
- The Case for Building Wealth with Richard Werner⁵¹
- Building Wealth curriculum⁵² **S**
- Solution Series: Building Wealth with Catherine Austin Fitts and Ricardo Oskam⁵³ **S**
- Action of the Week: July 1, 2024: Growing Intelligence about Alternative Transaction Options⁵⁴
- Building a Successful Relationship with a Great Bank: The Four-Part Series⁵⁵

Financial Transaction Control:

- The Plunder of Private Equity Billionaires⁵⁶
- An Editorial Comment on Private Equity⁵⁷
- The Profits of Economic Shock: Case Studies with Professor Richard A. Werner⁵⁸ **S**
- The Greater Taking and How to Stop It⁵⁹
- I Want to Stop CBDCs—What Can I Do?⁶⁰
- Food Series: The 30x30 Land Grab with Margaret Byfield⁶¹ **S**
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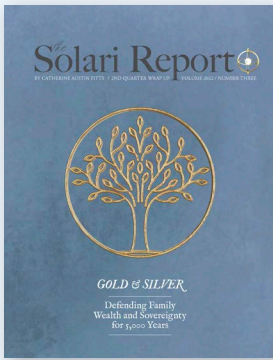
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