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### A Note from the Chairman

by Mr. David Stuckenberg, Founder & Chairman

If you're reading this report, you're a leader. A leader in thought, a leader in innovation, a leader in critical thinking who dares to dig deeper into what matters and who engages in truly worthwhile civic activities. Our participation as citizens is the life blood of this republic, and your contribution has been and remains absolutely critical to its health.

Just three years ago, the American Leadership and Policy Foundation (ALPF) was established with two ambitious goals in mind: (1) provide unbiased critical research to our nation's leaders and decision makers

(2) develop leaders who put our nation and our citizens first in the process.

And we are succeeding! In just a very short time, with your help, we've not only established a nationwide cadre of civic innovators and researchers, but developed many high-level grassroots studies that have put our research on demand from the State Senate to the U.S. Capitol.

There is no question, without the dedication and financial support of citizens like you... ALPF couldn't continue its critical mission with a keen focus on the law, our economy, and America's security.

As you review ALPF's 2017
Annual Report, I ask you to remember that the work this team accomplished in the last 365 days was directly enabled by your time, participation, and financial support which remains completely untainted by special interests. America needs citizens like you, and that's why we volunteer at ALPF – to create a new generation of leaders who, like you, will stand in the

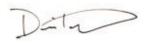
divide for America.

As we look to 2018, I challenge you to rekindle your sense of patriotism and stoke the fire of freedom! We must not weary in well doing...we must continue to fight the good fight! Though the road is rough and the way often uncertain, this remains, if we continue to follow the chart our forefathers and founders laid, America will remain the greatest nation on earth.

I'm truly humbled to help lead this tremendous team, and I sincerely thank you for all you do!

Please share what ALPF is doing with your friends, family, and network...we must grow and in doing so we shall gain strength!

May God Bless you and may God continue to bless the United States of America.



David Stuckenberg
ALPF Founder & Chairman



ALPF's Vision

To enhance civic engagement and citizen participation through education and the dissemination of public policy information based in open discussion and rigorous verifiable research.



ALPF's Mission

To foster the free and full exchange of policy enhancing ideas based in critical thinking. Such ideas will be aided by ALPF in their development and advocacy. These ideas must adhere to the foundation of America's self-governing system and the rule of law. The ALPF will

also function to inform the public at-large on public policy topics including the foundational basis of existing and proposed policies as well as alternative solutions based in American foundational principles. Our public policy focus areas are concentrated in three core areas:

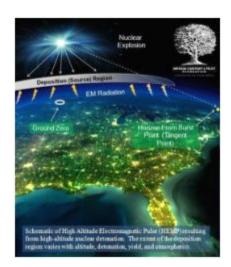
- (1) common defense
- (2) economic policy
- (3) public law

# Top Impact for ALPF in 2017

"The independent study by ALPF supports the conclusions of the Congressional EMP Commission that nuclear reactors should receive high priority for EMP protection."

- Dr. Peter Pry, EMP Commission to the House Committee on Homeland Security

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On October 12, 2017, two years after the story broke about ALPF's challenge to the conventional research of Sandia National Labs, the EMP Commission used ALPF's research to tell Congress:

"We recommend that the President direct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to launch a crash program to harden the over 100 nuclear power reactors and their spent fuel storage facilities against nuclear EMP attack. Nuclear power reactors typically only have enough emergency power to cool reactor cores and spent fuel rods for a few days, after which they would "go Fukushima" spreading radioactivity over much of the United States. "

According to Dr. Peter V. Pry, the Chief of Staff of the Congressional Commission to Assess the Threat of EMP to the United States of America,

"ALPF's excellent work on the vulnerability of nuclear reactors to EMP is a warning to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the nuclear power industry that should be heeded. It was perhaps the first truly independent study focused on nuclear reactors, unbiased by influence from industry or all too sympathetic government regulatory agencies. And if the nuclear power industry is wise, they will heed the ALPF study, which is not against nuclear power, but a way to make nuclear power more resilient and an important part of U.S. electric grid security."



In an embarrassing move, The Harvard National Security Journal pulled ALPF's comprehensive research after finalizing the report for publication on day it was set to be publish. But the effort to silence truth failed. Thanks to our volunteers and supporters, the US House Committee on Homeland Security has the information needed to make us safer! ALPF will continue to engage on this issue until it is given the attention it requires. That means ensuring the protection of our nation's nuclear power stations and critical infrastructure.

Read articles related to this topic recently posted by <u>Forbes</u> and <u>The Hill</u>.

For more info, and to read the full EMP Commission's report to Congress, visit <u>ALPF.org</u>

#### **ALPF ENGAGEMENTS**



#### Grid Summit at the Texas State Senate

Last year, the American Leadership and Policy Foundation and Texas Senator <u>Bob Hall</u> co-hosted the first ever <u>Texas Grid Security Summit</u> at the Texas State Capitol building in Austin, Texas and over 250 legislators, leaders, and defense experts from across the nation attended to learn about EMP risks and power grid vulnerabilities. This year, ALPF Board Member Gen. Kenneth Chrosniak traveled to the Texas Senate and provided expert EMP testimony. The research and data discussed at the Summit and in committee was revisited following recent international threats from North Korea. <u>More info.</u>



#### Missouri State Lincoln Days

ALPF attended Missouri State Lincoln Days (February 24-26, 2017) in Springfield. Each year, Missouri hosts a State Lincoln Days, where nearly 1,000 politically and civically engaged individuals gather to collaborate, discuss new ideas and engage with political leaders at the local, state, and federal level. ALPF members in attendance included: Board Member & Executive Secretary Dylan R. Bryant, M.P.A., Senior Fellow & Board Member Dean Dohrman, Ph.D., Executive Board Member Violet Corbett, and Fellow Jacob Workman. More info.

#### **FAST FACTS**

\$6,000

Raised in donations

\$2,500

Awarded in educational scholarships



### **ALPF Publications**

#### **Misguided Victory of Millennials**

"It's hard to say what the most tragic element is, but one of the most tragic things is the reality that many in this misguided generation will not know the satisfaction and joy of victory mingled with pain – to know what they have accomplished cost something, making it worth that much more."

#### Food for Thought: What About Us?

"Which news are you watching tonight? ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC or the Fox News Channel? Too often we find ourselves watching the one we trust, which really means the one with which we most agree. Some of us, in order to provide balance, switch back and forth from one news channel to another trying to figure out some semblance of truth."

#### **Tyranny**

"For thousands of years, mankind has understood we must capture and remember what was so we consider what may follow. History also demonstrates when people study the past they become masters of the present. Conversely, things we ignore often ironically remind us of what we must not forget."

#### <u>Constitutional Matters: The</u> Visionary, Thomas Jefferson

"Without Jefferson's dream of an Empire of Liberty stretching across North America, the America we know may never have developed. Without Jefferson, the ideal of human freedom would not have been the mission of America. Without Jefferson, we would not have the basic land surveying system we have in most of the U.S."

"We live in an unprecedented time where the future of our nation is threatened from both without and within. We have two options. We can either arm ourselves with truth and then act accordingly and as necessary, or we can choose to remain misled, misinformed and do nothing that will make America stronger, or a legacy worth inheriting for our children."

David Stuckenberg ALPF Founder and Chairman

#### We Need a Plan to Protect the Grid from Electromagnetic Pulse Disturbances

"The debate surrounding the extent to which America is vulnerable to both man-made or naturally occurring electromagnetic pulse (EMP) and natural geomagnetic disturbance (GMD) has become superheated. To some, the dangers these phenomena pose are believed to be existential, while others portray EMP defense advocates as mad and believe its dangers unfounded or debatable."

## <u>Constitutional Matters: The Father</u> of the Constitution, James Madison

to be a puzzle, even baffling to some people. However, we might satisfy ourselves viewing him as a defender of the modern republican experiment who spent his life seeking a workable solution, and one who found a lasting framework for self-government."

#### <u>Executive Orders – The Eternal</u> <u>Struggle for Power</u>

"This elicits an age-old debate— under what circumstances is it apropos to issue an executive order and under what circumstances does it violate the adroit balance of power structure designed by our Founding Fathers in the U.S. Constitution more than two centuries ago? The answer, unfortunately, is not always clear and well-defined."

# ALPF's Response to Violent Extremism in Charlottesville, VA on August 12th, 2017

"We must educate ourselves on the types of hate groups in our communities and actively work to encourage the deradicalization of such individuals. This occurs through changing an individual's values and belief systems, rejecting extremist ideology, and embracing values of peace, cooperation, collaboration, and teamwork. Violence is not a way to affect social change. We must focus on how we will help individuals to disengage and find more peaceful solutions for conflict or disagreement."

# Magnetizing the Middle | An Op-ed to Violent Extremism in Charlottesville, VA

"The middle area, both left and rights sides, is where dialogue, civil debate, and the exchange and challenging of ideas exists. Charlottesville was just a glimpse of what we can degenerate into as a nation if we don't unify to protect and properly use our freedoms of speech, religion, assembly and others. It's time to stop reacting, and instead be proactive and intentional as we strive to magnetize the middle."

### Redefining Terms of the China-DPRK Connection

"It is arguable that China owes a debt to make North Korea into a stable, non-threatening stakeholder in the existing international order as South Korea has been under U.S. friendship. This is prerequisite to any discussions of reunification of the Koreas, or indeed, of larger negotiations about the shape of the future international order. It is prerequisite because if there is a nuclear war that escalates because of China's uncontrolled proxy state, there may be no world order of any kind left to inherit."

#### North Korea Won the Battle Against America's EMP Commission

"Congress should take all necessary actions to reduce this threat and reinstate the original commission. It's right for the economy, its' right for our security, and it's right for our citizens. No such national vulnerability has ever offered an enemy so much for so little. We must move to protect America's power grid from EMP now."

# Column: We need a plan to protect the grid from electromagnetic pulse disturbances

"While many stakeholders are upset by the relentless advocacy to create a national program to mitigate EMP/GMD and its effects on critical infrastructure, the level of risk that we as a society are willing to live with should depend on citizens, not special interests and corporate lobbyists persuading citizens that the cost to protect them is too high."

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