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Built for everybody.

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**Health. Stability. Peace and Safety. Family. Opportunity. Ownership. Truth and Respect.**

The Seven are The North Star. They are not ranked. The solution is all Seven.

**BENEFITS FOLLOW THE PERSON. OWNERSHIP FOLLOWS THE WORK. COMMUNITY WEALTH FOLLOWS THE VALUE CREATED.**

We come from the Streets of Chicago. God has been with us through the struggle, and we carry our Covenant into the open with faith, conviction, and responsibility. We know the worth of every human life. We have lived the questions these pages answer, and we intend to build the answers and prove the results.

## Executive Summary

The American Dream is not dead. For millions, the pathway to it was broken.

Those two sentences are not the same, and the difference is everything. A dream that died is something to mourn. A pathway that broke is something to repair.

We know where it broke: work without a durable stake, healthcare tied to a job that can disappear, neighborhoods that create value and lose their people when that value rises, public spending that sustains administration while families remain unstable, and political arguments that turn neighbors against each other while the economic arrangement goes unexamined.

The Covenant exposes those mechanisms and brings the counter-system. Its three commitments are direct: benefits follow the person; ownership follows the work; community wealth follows the value created.

We establish our human destination: Health. Stability. Peace and Safety. Family. Opportunity. Ownership. Truth and Respect. Together, these Seven are our North Star. We do not rank them or trade one against another. They give us a steady standard while the country is pulled from one controversy to the next.

We know where our worth comes from. God gave it to us. We have lived the struggle named in these pages, and we undertake this Covenant with Him beside us. We are its human authors. We set its civic and economic terms, we stand behind the work, and we will tell the truth about what it delivers. We invite every person to examine the Seven and choose freely where to stand.

We can read, support, organize around, and advance that standard now. Congress, an administration, a party, or an enterprise may respond to the Covenant; none grants or withholds our authority to know what freedom and quality of life should deliver.

The economic inversion makes the person the continuing relationship. Institutions compete to serve that relationship well. The proposed member-owned, self-funded People's Benefits & Ownership Trust organizes purchasing power under member control. Qualified insurers offer protection; hospitals and healthcare networks offer accessible care and value; physicians can help align compensation, continuity, clinical judgment, and patient outcomes. Administrators and pharmacies earn through service, transparent cost, and results. Employment can change without requiring a family to rebuild its protection. The arrangement must be funded and proved; it is not coverage already in force.

That inversion travels through credit, labor, ownership, education, creators, enterprise, public spending, and extraordinary technology. A capable worker can become an owner. A learner can carry demonstrated capability. A business can retain its lawful memory and customer relationships. A community can negotiate its return before value leaves. Useful enterprise gains a stronger customer, productive talent, organized demand, and a durable relationship.

It also travels into politics. We can bring our own agenda instead of receiving every important question from a party, donor, or institutional gate. The Seven establish the standard. The counter-system supplies constructive propositions. The On-Record Requirement makes positions visible. The Ownership Vote connects those positions to the economic bargain. Public proof follows what representatives actually do and what their actions produce.

A commitment to the Seven, support for a particular mechanism, and governing performance are different records. Agreement with one policy does not establish agreement with the Covenant's complete human and economic bargain. We can see support, opposition, conditions, alternatives, votes, and results without having disagreement or silence rewritten for them.

Congress in a Quandary is the constructive pressure of a proposal and a public answer. We call for the legislation that the bargain requires and judge representatives through their constitutionally assigned responsibilities. The Dignified Path to Citizenship brings lawful employment, training, worker protection, family dignity, productive participation, and an earned pathway into that public proposition. Congressional term limits, citizen-funded campaigns, and the Article V pathway address the permanence and financial dependence that can keep the political gate closed. Our objectives lead; lawful instruments carry them into effect.

We establish the human destination and invite four institutional functions to answer our terms: Government, Enterprise, Civic and Community Organizations, and Media. Government can contribute lawful authority and accountable delivery.

Enterprise can contribute capital, productive capacity, and risk. Civic and Community Organizations can contribute local knowledge, voluntary association, culture, and trusted relationships. Media can contribute independent reporting, public information, and scrutiny while retaining freedom of the press and editorial independence. Each function answers for what it chooses to undertake and can prove. Our families and individual lives are the reason for this bargain, not additional institutional boxes. We bring care, work, judgment, creation, demand, and public witness. We keep the freedom to compare, question, decline, join, and leave.

The September 29 White House Accord on Super Intelligence, Executive Order 14434, and the subsequently announced Super Intelligence Force create important opportunities for engagement. We enter independently with the Covenant and Human SIEC Charter. Recognition and lawful coordination can accelerate implementation. They do not establish adoption of or influence by our work, and they do not create its direction.

Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability can help people understand, organize, design, compare, test, build, own, and exercise better judgment. Technology strengthens the practical exercise of human authority; it does not originate it. The Charter keeps consequential capability under accountable human stewardship.

Born in Chicago and led by the people who lived the hardest version of the American story, the Covenant is offered to everybody. Our own institutions face the same public proof, independence, and anti-capture standard. The solution is all Seven. Freedom is the promise. Quality of life is the daily proof.

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# How This Covenant Is Built

This document is the parent. It carries governing principles and shape — what is true, what is being built, and on what terms. It does not carry every operating mechanic or every source note. Wherever the text says that something lives one layer down, it points to a separate document holding the working detail, implementation, evidence, or receipts. The Seed / Layer-Down Document Index and the Parent Source & Verification Register are maintained as companions to this Covenant. That discipline is deliberate: a document that tries to be parent Covenant, operating manual, and evidence file at once ends up failing at all three.

## The Parent Covenant Core

The Chicago Deal — The People's Freedom & Quality of Life Covenant: the Seven, the three governing sentences, the People's founding authorship and invitation to four institutional functions, the federal alignment, the truth architecture, public-proof discipline, and Living Edition discipline.

## Cross-Covenant Governing Layer

The Human SIEC Charter — Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability governed under accountable human authority, human responsibility, advancement, shared productivity value, portability, ownership, public return, and Truth and Respect.

This is neither a fourth Covenant Industry nor a second Covenant. The People's Freedom & Quality of Life Covenant establishes what human progress is for. The Human SIEC Charter governs the human bargain for Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability in service of that destination. It travels across industries, proof lanes, institutions, operating architecture, infrastructure, government, and future fields.

In this Living Edition, Super Intelligence (SI) names the advanced machine-intelligence systems and technologies discussed in prior editions through terms including AI and advanced information. The name alone does not assert that every present system exceeds human intelligence across every domain. Extraordinary Capability describes the consequential capability SI can provide or enable.

Together they are SIEC: Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability. The category and the capability are distinct; the Human SIEC Charter defines both near its front.

## Starting Covenant Industries

Skilled Builders — proven capacity converted into licensed work and worker-owned companies.

Cannabis Equity & Unity — a punished market converted into lawful ownership and citizenship.

Creator & Culture — captured culture converted into creator-owned business and community wealth.

These are starting industries and proof doors, not the boundary of the Covenant. The Human SIEC Charter travels through them rather than occupying a fourth industry box.

## Four Chicago Proof Lanes

Lead Pipe 2050 — clean water, at a defended cost, with a worker-to-owner ladder.

Chicago Unity Memorial — remembrance before prevention. Families hold authority.

Tolton Home Ownership Initiative — renters into owners, built to outlast City Hall.

MusicTown 2030 — the creator economy, culture, and tourism linked to community ownership.

## The Operating Architecture

People's Benefits & Ownership Trust — the member-owned, self-funded instrument at the center of the Ownership System.

Federal Alignment Roadmap — the account-by-account mechanics of federal alignment.

Family Accelerator — the Father-to-Future principle, funding the next generation's stake.

Ownership Vote and On-Record Requirement — public accountability instruments that turn alignment into a visible answer.

Public Proof / Dashboard — the measurement system that makes promises, outcomes, savings, ownership, and failures visible.

## Frontier / Forward Applications

Quantum & SIEC Alignment — frontier capability and infrastructure aligned to the Seven, public obligation, human authority, and durable public and community return.

The Human SIEC Charter governs across the forward application; it is not itself the forward lane.

## Evidence, Research, and Receipts

The parent Covenant states the governing proposition. Evidence and implementation live below it. The Parent Source & Verification Register carries the current receipts, while topic-specific research

and operating documents carry the legal, technical, economic, historical, and factual work needed to test and build what the Covenant governs.

Beneath the Human SIEC Charter, that lower layer is designed to carry subjects such as Public Advantage Carries Public Obligation, Shared Productivity Value, portable benefits, SI infrastructure, consequential systems and human authority, provenance and rights, education and portable capability, institutional efficiency and intermediation, and frontier technology. The governing document stays at the human level; the lower layers do the heavier mechanical and evidentiary work.

## Living Edition Discipline

This Covenant is a living public document, not an invisible moving target. One current Living Edition governs at a time. Material public changes are dated and summarized. Prior public editions remain accessible. Corrections are disclosed. Lower layers may deepen research and implementation without silently rewriting the parent. History remains visible; authority remains clear.

Read the parent for the terms. Read the Human SIEC Charter for the cross-Covenant stewardship of Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability. Read the layer beneath for the build. Read the evidence and verification layer for the proof.

# Opening · The Pathway Is Broken; the Dream Is Not

The American Dream is not dead. For millions, the pathway to it has been broken. Those two sentences are not the same.

Hold them apart, because the country keeps confusing them. When the pathway closes, people are told the dream itself was the lie — that ownership was never meant for them, that stability is naïve, that the most they should hope for is a managed version of going without. That confusion is the thing this Covenant exists to end. The dream is not dead; the people are not finished. The pathway broke in specific places, by mechanisms that can be identified within living memory. Where rules, incentives, exclusions, and institutional choices broke it, better rules, incentives, access, and ownership can rebuild it.

While the pathway was being broken, the country was being sold something else — something built to keep it from ever looking too closely at the mechanism.

Anger.

Anger can be manufactured, packaged, and sold. An attention economy can earn from conflict even when the families carrying that conflict gain nothing.

Think of the last argument about politics you had with somebody in your own family. Somebody you love. Now ask who profited from it. Neither of you did. That argument was the product working exactly as designed: two people who want the same Seven things, turned to face each other instead of the mechanism. It happens at kitchen tables in every neighborhood in this country, every week, and the people it happens to are not fools. They are the target of the most sophisticated attention industry ever built.

So we are not going to spend this document angry, because spending it angry is the entire purpose of selling it to us. We are going to do the one thing the machine is built to prevent. We are going to tell the truth, plainly, and then build the answer.

This is offered as a Covenant, and the word is chosen with care.

A Covenant is not a policy, a campaign promise, or a program. A policy can be reversed by the next official. A campaign promise expires the day after the election. A program ends when its funding does. A Covenant is mutual, witnessed, and accountable across generations.

## We Establish the Destination

We establish the Seven as the nation’s proposed human standard. A family does not require a congressional vote to know that health, stability, peace and safety, family, opportunity, ownership,

and truth and respect belong in its life. The Covenant gives that understanding a common public form and a constructive economic answer.

We can organize around it, make our proposals visible, petition, advocate, and judge the people entrusted with office. Elected representatives answer through their constitutional responsibilities. Enterprise answers through the terms it offers and the value it delivers. Neither gets to decide what we are allowed to want.

## God Beside Us · The Responsibility We Accept

We know where our worth comes from. God gave it to us before any office, employer, party, or institution decided what to call us. We are the people who have lived the conditions this Covenant names. We speak in our own voice, with God beside us, and we take responsibility for the human promises we place before the country. Our faith gives us courage to tell the truth, make our commitments, and carry them into the world.

That responsibility begins with honest conduct. We will measure our claims, our spending, our ownership arrangements, and our results in the open, and correct what does not stand up to examination. Every person retains freedom of conscience and the right to join, question, or decline this undertaking. Nobody has to share our faith or sign our Covenant to keep the rights and public services that already belong to them. We invite participation by conviction and consent, never by control of another person's belief.

We acknowledge the Creator openly and respect the constitutional protection of religious liberty. Our proposals for laws, contracts, financing, and public action must stand on their own evidence and be carried out through the authority the law actually gives. Faith calls us to be faithful to our word; the people are entitled to examine the work. No church, public official, or Covenant steward receives custody of anyone else's conscience.

**We are the authors of this Covenant.** We establish the Seven and offer our terms to four institutional functions: Government; Enterprise; Civic and Community Organizations; and Media. Each has something to contribute, something to gain, and something to prove. Participation is specific and voluntary. Lawful instruments establish legal obligations; the Constitution and law govern public action. We know the human destination before any institution answers.

Government brings lawful public authority, recognition, coordination, and an accounting of existing public money, within the responsibilities of its elected and administrative offices. It can improve delivery and reduce verified liabilities while protecting public responsibility, distinct jurisdictions, and judicial independence. Its answer is a lawful action and a measurable result, not a photograph beside the work.

Enterprise brings honest capital, production, innovation, professional capability, and operating risk. It gains organized demand, capable talent, customers who can afford to purchase, and durable

opportunity. It earns by delivering value while honoring the ownership and public obligations it accepts.

Civic and Community Organizations bring place, trust, culture, local knowledge, and the relationships through which a real build becomes possible. Neighborhood, nonprofit, faith, labor, educational, cultural, professional, and other voluntary associations retain their own missions and authority. They can gain retained value, local enterprise, and accountable influence over commitments actually made in their names. The people who carried a neighborhood through its hardest years remain inside its future. No organization automatically speaks for every resident.

Family is one of our Seven, not an institutional party. We mean the families we are born into, the families we choose, and the bonds we are still building. Families bring care, formation, continuity, and the next generation. They should gain protection that survives a work transition, usable time, choices they can afford, and assets capable of passing forward. No agreement earns the name progress by moving its unpaid cost into the home.

We speak as people, one by one and together, not as an additional institutional category. Each of us brings work, judgment, consent, purchasing power, creation, and public witness. We seek capability and a lawful path into durable ownership. We retain our independence, including the right to question, decline, leave, and judge an institution by its results. Signing a Covenant does not give up that agency.

Media brings journalism, public communication, independently gathered information, and scrutiny of promises against conduct. It can earn credibility through accuracy, correction, transparency, and independent reporting. Freedom of the press and editorial independence remain protected; this Covenant appoints no state arbiter of truth and demands no compelled coverage. The point of all four functions is a better economic and civic bargain, not the transfer of everybody's authority into a new institution. Government remains accountable government. Enterprise remains enterprise. Civic and community organizations remain independent associations. Media remains free to inquire, disagree, and report. Families and citizens are the human purpose and active participants, not institutions placed above one another.

No participating institution is asked to carry another's weight. Each is invited to make a specific promise and keep it where the result can be checked. We keep the right to judge that answer.

We write from the ground upward, from the streets and households that know the struggle firsthand. We write alongside working families, the middle class, and people the old system called the have-nots. We also invite those with capital, talent, office, or institutional power who are willing to see what failed and build differently. We are replacing a mechanism that failed us, not making enemies of the people caught inside it.

We invite four institutional functions to answer the complete human standard we have established. We apply it without favoritism. This one has SEVEN. They are listed in a deliberate order and are not

ranked. A family in a medical crisis may name health first. A family facing eviction may name stability. A parent hearing gunfire may name peace and safety. The machine would gladly turn even that into another argument. We refuse the choice. The Seven belong together, because freedom that delivers only some of them is incomplete, and quality of life cannot be built by forcing families to surrender one standard to obtain another.

**Health** — The chance to live a full life in body and mind. Clean water, safe housing, nourishing food, and care you can reach before a problem becomes a crisis. No family should have to choose between getting well and keeping its home, its job, or what it spent years building.

**Stability** — To stop living one emergency away from losing everything. One diagnosis, one layoff, or one blown transmission should not be able to take away what a family spent years building. A life you can plan beyond Friday.

**Peace and Safety** — Peace of mind, and everything peace of mind makes possible. On some blocks, violence must finally end—not managed, not counted, and not funded as a permanent industry—because there are children in this country who have never had a full day of simply being children. On other blocks, the streets are quiet while fear is kept running around the clock because frightened people are easier to manage than peaceful ones. One neighborhood is left dangerous; another is kept afraid. Peace and safety mean nobody is making a living from your dread.

**Family** — A family you can afford to begin, support, protect, and keep together, and a child who begins life with a fair start. Family is more than blood or a single kind of household. It is the people who love us, stand with us, protect us, and show up—friends, neighbors, caregivers, and people who become family in the struggle. Some of us were born into that belonging. Others found it, built it, or are still searching for it. Even if nobody is beside you today, the Seven belong to you. You do not have to prove you have a family to deserve a full life. A country aligned with its families makes it easier, not harder, for parents and caregivers to stay, provide, and build. And to everyone who grew up with an empty chair at the table: some of the greatest fathers and mothers this country has produced knew exactly what was missing — and became it. Once a family exists, a line around it must hold: no agency, program, or distant expert should presume to replace a loving parent, and none should cross that line without clear cause, due process, and accountability.

**Opportunity** — A fair chance for your effort to move your life forward. That the game is not fixed where you stand — that when you push, something moves. A person who believes this gets up differently in the morning. A country that asks people to work must keep a path open for that work to lead somewhere.

**Ownership** — To keep what your work builds and to have something to hand down. Not renting your whole life from someone who owns everything you touch — a home, a business, a stake that outlives you and reaches your children's hands.

**Truth and Respect** — One thing, not two. Every comfortable lie is disrespect because it says you cannot handle the truth. Every hard truth told plainly and with dignity is respect because it says you can. To be respected is to be treated as a contributor with a voice and a seat, not a case to be managed. This Covenant will tell the hard truths, and it will trust you with every one of them.

Now read the Seven again.

Health

Stability

Peace and Safety

Family

Opportunity

Ownership

Truth and Respect

There is not one you do not want for your own family—whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever you have been told about your neighbor. You may feel one more urgently today. You do not want only one. A family on the West Side of Chicago and a family in a quiet college town are not asking for different human outcomes. They are asking for all Seven—and being sold different reasons why the Seven cannot be theirs. Most of what this country is fighting about loses its grip on a family that has them.

Together, the Seven are The North Star. They give the people a stable human reference point while parties change messages, institutions protect their positions, and a new controversy competes for attention. A family may feel one condition most urgently today. The complete destination remains all Seven.

Every mechanism named anywhere in this document — every account, every lane, every dollar redirected — is judged by whether it moves families toward that destination. A commitment to the standard is examined alongside the proposed method and the actual result. The people can support a useful action without being told that one action settles the whole bargain.

The mechanisms are the tools. The Seven are the standard. Freedom is the promise. Quality of life is the daily proof. And the Covenant is the structure that makes the pathway accountable.

There is an old argument waiting to be had over all of this, and we decline it in the form it is usually offered.

The fight is not capitalism versus socialism. The fight is ownership versus captivity.

Capitalism, in its ordinary economic meaning, is a system in which private actors own and control property and enterprise, allocate capital, and share in gains or losses through markets. Its moral

claim is not that every outcome will be equal. Its practical promise is that productive effort can become property, enterprise, and transferable wealth.

That promise fails when ownership concentrates so tightly that the middle class works and consumes without accumulating. For households near the middle of the American wealth distribution, the home remains the dominant asset; when access to a home, a business, or equity closes, the pathway closes with it.

That is not a rejection of capitalism. It is a demand that capitalism deliver what makes it free: broad entry, honest competition, ownership, and a real path from work to wealth.

What too many communities have lived instead is consolidation above and managed dependency below—captivity wearing the costume of opportunity. Many people drawn to socialism have never been shown capitalism with a real pathway. We will build the pathway in the open and let the result make the case.

A repair of this kind cannot be led from a distance.

The repair of a broken pathway has to be led by those who know where the pathway broke.

Where Black citizens carried the heaviest part of the burden, this work is Black-led—as a matter of truth, order, and credibility, not as a slogan, exclusion, or performance. Black men are leading the repair. The Covenant itself is built to deliver for everybody. The reason is practical before it is anything else. The people who survived the hardest version of these conditions are not a problem to be managed. They are an asset to be equipped. They carry the map of where the road gave way, and the map belongs in the hands of those who walked it.

None of this lands without trust, and trust has an order to it.

Truth is infrastructure. Respect is the condition that makes truth receivable.

Respect comes first — naming plainly what Foundational Black Americans built and what they endured — because respect opens the ears. Once the ears are open, hard truths can be absorbed instead of deflected. That sequence is what we mean by informed respect. And it answers the trap the machine sets, the one we call the truth paradox: people flinch from the truth when they fear it will cost them their dignity, their belonging, or their hope. So the truth has to arrive with all three already in hand — carrying dignity, carrying a solution, and carrying a place to belong.

### The machine sells anger to keep us from the truth. We tell the truth to free us from anger.

One truth must be stated early because repeated misnaming changes how people understand their own power.

The United States is a Constitutional Republic. The Constitution uses the word democracy zero times. Article IV guarantees every state a “Republican Form of Government”—a form of government,

not the modern Republican Party. The people elect representatives; the Constitution divides and limits their power.

The constitutional limits matter to this Covenant because citizens retain rights and representatives remain answerable within a divided system of lawful authority. Popular elections do not give temporary officeholders unlimited power.

When politicians say that the people's government is at risk, name the constitutional right, power, institution, or restraint actually at issue. Truth and Respect require the claim to be specific enough to examine.

We call the country what these pages govern within: a Constitutional Republic. Public authority is limited, rights remain protected, and representatives exercise powers entrusted to their offices through the Constitution and law.

The people can speak, assemble, petition, organize, participate, and elect representatives. Those constitutional means give our public proposition a path into government. We bring the destination and the proposed terms; officeholders answer for what they support, oppose, change, and do. A legislative requirement identifies an action to obtain. It does not place the people's North Star in legislative custody.

It is worth being exact about what this is. It is a deal. It is not a petition, a protest, an appeal for charity, or a bureaucratic demand. The people already live the problem and do not have to be convinced of it. The Covenant is the governing structure for this deal and an open offer to government, officeholders, candidates, agencies, institutional decision-makers, and the talent and capital willing to build under its terms. It is affirmative work: expose the truth, protect the people, align the interests, and build the answer.

Vengeance is God's. Our work is affirmative: expose the truth, protect the people, and build the answer.

So we name mechanisms and the institutions that operate them, not human enemies. The villain is the failed mechanism—never the flag, the neighbor, or the person across the table. The haves do not have to be ruined for the have-nots to rise. People inside government, finance, philanthropy, business, and the institutions named here may become some of the Covenant's strongest builders if they are willing to see the failure, stop defending it, and work under terms that can be checked. This is an exit being offered, not a score being settled.

Naming the mechanism does not mean refusing to name the institution operating it. Corporations, banks, funds, foundations, lobbying networks, agencies, and NGOs are not human beings.

A corporation may be a legal person for defined purposes; it is not a human or moral person. It can hold property, sign contracts, exercise lawful rights, and be measured. It cannot feel hunger, grief, or shame.

Corporate officers and directors act under legal duties to the corporation and its stockholders; those duties cannot become a moral waiver for conduct that depends on public advantage or shifts public harm outward. Wherever any institution receives public advantage, it owes public obligation. The Covenant will name and measure institutional conduct without turning employees, shareholders, members, or customers into enemies.

An aligned public is not powerless before institutions. People carry lawful leverage in labor, purchasing, capital, data, attention, culture, and votes. They may reward institutions that align with the Seven and withdraw money, attention, labor, or legitimacy from those that refuse public proof. That is not vengeance or manufactured outrage. It is free people using lawful choices to change the bargain.

And it is for everybody. No region is offered a better deal than another. No political party owns it; the Covenant forbids it from ever taking party money, in either direction. It was born in Chicago and is led by the people who lived it. It is built to belong to anyone, anywhere, who will keep its terms. The ones who must answer are not the people. The ones who must answer are the politicians. Public office does not make a person an enemy. Public advantage carries public obligation. A politician becomes a leader by aligning authority with the Seven, putting the answer on the record, and accepting public proof.

The first obligation is not policy. The first obligation is truth.

What follows begins there. First the picture: Distraction from the Extraction. Then the machine and its five layers. Then the common ground, the counter-system, the federal alignment, the truth architecture, and finally Chicago — the proving ground, not the limit. Born in Chicago. Led by the people who lived it. Offered to everybody. Freedom made real. Quality of life made measurable.

# Part 1 · The Picture: Distraction from the Extraction

Before anyone can repair what broke, they have to be allowed to look at it. The design of the last fifty years has kept us from looking. The extraction happens in daylight—in quarterly numbers, housing costs, grocery prices, the gas pump, and the shrinking reach of a paycheck. The concealment is distraction: keeping us too angry at one another to follow where the money actually goes. That is the picture. We call it the distraction from the extraction.

Start with anger, because the attention economy has learned to make it profitable. Attention is what the modern information economy sells, and outrage is what holds attention. A claim that makes you furious is shared further than one that merely informs you; fear travels faster than calm; the thing that confirms your worst suspicion of your neighbor will always outrun the thing that complicates it.

So, a system built to harvest your attention will—left to its own logic—sell you ANGER.

It is not that people sat down and decided to hate each other. Hatred turned out to pay.

### The machine sells anger to keep us from the truth. We tell the truth to free us from anger.

That line is the whole strategy of this document in a single sentence. We are not here to add to the noise. We are here to point past it. And where it points is one month, more than fifty years ago, when two things happened within eight days of each other.

In August 1971, the rules of American money changed, and almost no one was told what it would cost them. On the fifteenth, President Nixon closed the gold window, ending the dollar's convertibility into gold and beginning the end of the Bretton Woods monetary order established in 1944. Eight days later, on the twenty-third, Lewis Powell delivered what became known as the Powell Memo to the United States Chamber of Commerce. It was not a vague appeal for business to speak up. It outlined a sustained institutional campaign: organize corporate power in the education system, the media, the courts, shareholder structures, and government; fund it; staff it; repeat it; and treat public opinion as terrain to be contested.

The two events mark a useful historical starting point for examining monetary arrangements and organized institutional influence. Their proximity does not establish that one caused the other or that a single plan produced every subsequent condition. The monetary anchor changed; the organized campaign for corporate influence was stated openly. At the same moment, organized corporate power received a blueprint for coordinated influence over the systems that form belief. The durable structure is described by different names—the permanent bureaucracy, the institutional establishment, the deep state. The label is secondary. The measurable question is who can shape education, law, media, markets, and government across administrations without appearing on a ballot.

From that pairing comes a rule that runs underneath everything else in this Covenant: the money system and the information system cannot be understood separately. An economy increasingly dependent on confidence, credit, and managed expectations creates enormous power for whoever can shape what the public believes about prosperity, inflation, scarcity, and one another. That is why a Covenant about ownership, benefits, clean water, and family life must begin with anger and attention: the same structure that weakens purchasing power can also shape the story people are given about why it happened and whom they should blame.

If the trick is this plain, the fair question is why it keeps working. The answer is a lock, and the lock is inside us. We call it the Truth Paradox. People flinch from the truth—not because they are foolish. In the form it usually arrives, the truth feels like a threat.

It seems to come at the cost of dignity, as if understanding the system means confessing that the wound was your own fault. It seems to come at the cost of belonging, as if naming what happened means indicting your own people. It seems to come at the cost of hope, as if the only honest conclusion is that nothing can be done.

Faced with that, most people look away—and looking away is precisely what the machine requires.

The flinch is the lock.

Which means the lock has a key. The key is the order in which the truth is delivered. Truth offered with dignity does not accuse; it explains. Truth offered with a solution does not paralyze; it shows the exit. Truth offered with belonging does not isolate; it says you are still one of us, and there is a place for you in the repair. Delivered that way, the flinch does not control the outcome. That is the entire difference between outrage and this document: outrage hands you a wound and walks off; we hand you the truth and the way out in the same motion.

This is written for the reader whose flinch is activating now—the politician, executive, banker, foundation officer, lobbyist, consultant, or institutional professional who knows the system from inside. Discomfort is not conviction; it means the lock has been touched. The exit is alignment: stop defending the failed mechanism, bring authority, talent, access, capital, and seasoning to the repair, and accept the same public standard as everyone else. A politician can become a leader. An insider can become a builder. The door stays open until the choice closes it.

All of this can sound like a story about Washington and Wall Street, far from any actual street. It is not. The same trick runs at the scale of a single block, and it runs in a sequence you can nearly set a clock by.

First the community is denied capital. Then it is blamed for the conditions the denial created. Then public money is routed through the managers of the wound. Then private capital returns once the upside is attractive. Then the original people are priced out.

Read that sequence slowly. Communities on Chicago's South and West Sides have lived every line. First capital is withheld—through redlining, exclusion from credit, disinvestment, or terms no healthy business could survive. The damage is then recast as the character of the people who live there. That blame turns a designed condition into a moral judgment, teaches outsiders to see the neighborhood as the cause of its own wound, and makes unequal treatment look reasonable. Once the public accepts that story, money manages people instead of repairing the mechanism.

Then public dollars arrive through contracts, grants, consultants, connected intermediaries, and nonprofits. Many sincere people do real work inside them. The structural problem is what gets funded: activity, enrollment, reports, and continued hardship rather than ending the condition. In machine cities, the flows also become patronage—jobs, contracts, and access that reward loyalty and discourage dissent. Dollars pass through the neighborhood; too little becomes homes, businesses, equity, and institutions owned by residents.

Then private capital returns when the location becomes attractive. It arrives after residents carried the hardest years, captures the upside, and prices them out. The Covenant therefore requires regeneration without displacement: new residents, enterprise, and honest investment are welcome; families who held the neighborhood gain the improved quality of life and share in rising value. The test is not whether money enters. The test is who owns what is left behind.

# Part 2 · The Machine: The Five Layers

Part One showed the picture and the trick that protects it. Now we name the thing doing the tricking. It is not a figure of speech for society in general, and it is not a shadowy they. It is a machine with working parts — five layers, each with a job, each reinforcing the others — and there is a single law that explains how every layer came to exist and why none of them ever seems to go away.

The law is short enough to memorize.

Crisis creates justification. Justification creates institution. The institution survives the original justification. The institution acquires new functions. The public forgets the origin. The power remains.

The International Monetary Fund was designed at Bretton Woods in 1944. One of its central jobs was overseeing fixed exchange rates. That system collapsed in the early 1970s, but the institution continued. Its responsibilities broadened into monitoring national economic policies and managing international financial crises. The framework changed; the institution found a larger role.

Hold that pattern against each of the five layers and the same shape appears every time. Begin at the base.

## Layer One · Concentrated Capital and Credit

At the base is not capital itself. Honest capital builds. The layer is concentrated control over credit, the price of money, rescue, and asset ownership—the banking and credit system that creates money, sets the cost of borrowing, decides which risks receive emergency support, and determines who already owns the assets that supportive policy inflates. Its direction is not announced in its language; it is visible in its results. The machine is not neutral. The machine has a direction.

When banks require rescue, urgency becomes policy. When workers gain bargaining power, their wages become an inflation risk.

When banks and capital markets are at risk, the system moves with remarkable speed; when families are drowning, it counsels patience. The proof is in who owns what. In the Federal Reserve's distributional accounts for the second quarter of 2026, the bottom half of households by wealth hold 0.6 percent of corporate equities and mutual fund shares; the top one percent hold 50.9 percent. Policy that supports banks, credit markets, and asset prices sends gains first to people who already hold the assets, and the result is announced as stability or prosperity. When workers begin earning more, the same system treats wage growth as an inflationary pressure to be cooled—often by raising interest rates that make homes, cars, credit cards, and business loans more expensive. Rescue above is called necessity. Movement below is called risk.

The public also carries the fiscal burden. CBO's February 2026 baseline projects about one trillion dollars in federal net interest outlays for fiscal year 2026. Dividing that national total across the

population gives a scale of roughly $3,000 per person. It is an illustration of public cost, not an individual bill or a forecast that every future year will have the same charge.

Interest is a recurring public obligation. A child enters a country already devoting substantial annual resources to it. Borrowing can finance valuable public work, but the additional interest and the distribution of the benefit belong in the bargain. The indictment is the priority revealed when financial obligations receive reliable payment while the human conditions beneath them remain unresolved.

And laws meant to reinvest in places denied capital too often raise the value of land or assets without creating ownership for the people who carried the loss. That is reinvestment without restoration. The full reckoning lives one layer down in the Federal Reserve Indictment. What matters here is the direction — and the direction survives whoever holds the chair.

## Layer Two · The Managed Wound

The second layer turns the damage into an industry. When capital is withheld and a community declines, an apparatus grows around the decline: agencies, grant programs, contractors, consultants, foundations, nonprofit organizations, service providers, and intermediaries paid to process hardship.

Many are staffed by sincere people doing real work; the indictment is not against every organization or employee. It is against a financing structure with a tell: revenue depends on the problem remaining large enough to fund. Success is measured in services delivered, cases opened, meetings held, and dollars administered—not in how many families no longer rely on the system.

Public money can therefore flow into the same place for decades while ownership, health, safety, and family stability barely move. The wound is managed, and the management becomes permanent.

## Layer Three · Political Capture

The third layer is political, and its job is to protect the first two. Chicago and Illinois know it as intimately as anywhere in the country. Chicago voters last elected a Republican mayor in 1927. Every mayor elected since Anton Cermak in 1931 has been a Democrat—ninety-five years as of 2026. Party labels remained on Chicago mayoral ballots through 1995. That year the Illinois General Assembly changed the city's elections to a nonpartisan majority-and-runoff system, first used in 1999. The law did not end one-party rule; it removed the party designation from the ballot. Whatever the motive, one practical effect was to make the continuous party record less visible on the ballot while leaving it intact.

Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Nearly a century of one-party rule does not prove that every officeholder was corrupt. It proves that competition and accountability weaken when one structure becomes the only practical gate to power. At the state level, one man held the speakership of the Illinois House for thirty-six years—the longest

tenure of any statehouse speaker in American history. In February 2025, a federal jury convicted him on ten of twenty-three counts, including bribery conspiracy and wire fraud; he was sentenced to seven and a half years, and the Seventh Circuit upheld the convictions in April 2026.

Name the corporate party because the name is the lesson. Commonwealth Edison—ComEd, the largest electric utility in Illinois—admitted in federal court that it arranged jobs, subcontracts, and payments for associates of the Speaker to influence legislation affecting the company, and it paid a $200 million penalty. This was the power company buying political power, the most literal transaction in American politics. The point is not to reduce a century of government to one case. The point is that a structure protected that relationship for years. Convictions punish individuals. They do not, by themselves, dismantle the structure that made the conduct possible.

Nor did Illinois lack warning. From 1961 through 2009, eight people served as governor; four—Otto Kerner, Dan Walker, George Ryan, and Rod Blagojevich—were convicted of federal felonies. Not every case arose from the same office or conduct; Walker's offense came after he left office. The structural point survives that distinction. Repeated prosecutions changed individuals without dismantling the gatekeeping system. That is why this Covenant does not wait for one more conviction to repair the structure. It builds the counter-system, opens the books, and aligns public money to measurable outcomes.

## The Gate Must Answer to the People

The political problem is larger than whether the next person occupying an office is honest. Candidate access, money, committee power, institutional relationships, and the repeated advantage of incumbency can preserve the gate after an individual leaves it. The corruption record demands punishment where proved. It also demands a correction capable of changing the incentives and the public's bargaining position.

The Covenant brings that correction as an integrated architecture: a common human standard, constructive economic proposals, positions put on the record, votes and actions followed, term limits against permanence, campaign reform against purchased dependence, and constitutional means through which the people can advance the changes.

A representative's office remains lawful public authority. Its agenda becomes answerable to a public capable of stating what it wants and comparing the answer with the result. The Call develops the instruments; the machine identified here explains why they belong together.

Energy is the entry fee to the next economy. Data centers, chip plants, and quantum campuses select sites with reliable, high-capacity power, water, land, fiber, and public coordination.

A 2025 analysis of ComEd territory found that areas with higher shares of low-income and minority residents often experienced longer or more frequent outages; the most severe overall patterns also included rural counties.

The Covenant welcomes growth under a different bargain: households and disinvested communities do not subsidize private reliability while remaining disqualified from its jobs and ownership. Large users pay costs attributable to their upgrades; surrounding communities receive training, contracts, and ownership pathways; and public-supported infrastructure produces a public return. Political power and electrical power have been distributed through the same structure for too long.

## Layer Four · Information

The fourth layer is information, and its job is to keep the first three from being seen together. The Powell Memo treated education, communications, courts, and politics as fields for organized corporate action. Decades later, media ownership remains concentrated and large asset managers hold major stakes across corporate America.

A peer-reviewed 2017 analysis using 2015 holdings found that BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street together were the largest shareholder in 438 of the S&P 500's 500 firms—88 percent. That is a measure of concentrated shareholder influence, not a claim that three firms owned 88 percent of corporate America.

News is divided into rival partisan products: each side recognizes the other's bias while treating its own as truth. Gallup measured roughly seven in ten Americans expressing trust in mass media in the 1970s, 28 percent in 2025, and 33 percent in September 2026. The latest rise does not erase the long decline. The outlets meant to watch concentrated power operate inside the same ownership and attention economy. Information becomes provocation, and provocation protects the money beneath it.

## Layer Five · Attention

The fifth layer is attention, and attention is not merely the reward. It is the target. Whoever holds your attention can shape what you fear, what you repeat, whom you blame, and what you never stop to examine.

The machine aims it sideways—neighbor against neighbor, party against party, race against race, city against rural county—because people aligned around the same material outcomes become something the machine cannot manage. Their power is not merely their numbers. It is their alignment.

No one has to abandon a party, a faith, a region, or a prior identity to agree that families deserve the same Seven things. Once that agreement is visible, every politician can be asked the same question on the record, and the people can act with a clear conscience on the answer.

## What Would Break the Chain?

The five layers reinforce a common dependence: people create the economic relationship while institutions control the terms on which they may continue it. Credit can finance somebody else's accumulation while a worker acquires no stake. Services can bill for continued hardship while

independence remains unfunded. Political access can reward the organized intermediary while the citizen remains unheard. Information can preserve the audience as a revenue stream while hiding the bargain. Attention can hold people in conflict while their purchasing power flows in the same direction.

The counter-system changes what earns. Finance earns by helping capable people acquire and sustain assets. Service earns by making health and independence more attainable. Information earns trust through verifiable truth. Enterprise earns organized demand by keeping the human bargain visible.

In the political relationship, the public establishes the standard and brings the proposition. Representatives seek and retain public confidence by answering that proposition and accounting for the authority entrusted to them. Parties, donors, and institutions remain visible participants; they no longer provide the only agenda the people may examine. Lawful public judgment, expressed through organizing and elections, becomes a continuing force rather than a moment of consent followed by years of distraction.

These corrections do not require every institution to disappear. A useful function remains useful. A captured relationship must become contestable. The question is whether people can compare terms, retain what belongs to them, and move toward a better arrangement without forfeiting their protection, livelihood, or history.

Run the law back over all five. Each layer grew from a crisis or conflict it promised to answer. Each survived, acquired new functions, and learned to protect itself. The machine's deepest strategy is also its vulnerability: it depends on the people never recognizing their common ground. A machine built by people can be answered by people—without becoming what they oppose—and it cannot keep the many divided once the mechanism is seen and the alternative is real. We have now named both. So we turn from diagnosis to the shared standard that makes alignment possible.

# Part 3 · Common Ground: Quality of Life Is the Daily Proof

We have named the machine and how it works. Now comes the turn. Its division strategy looks like a defense only while it remains invisible. Once people understand that they were trained to see their neighbor as the obstacle, the strategy becomes a liability. The television, the feed, the fundraising letter, and the partisan campaign all repeat that the country is too divided to agree on anything. The Covenant answers with a fact they cannot comfortably absorb: beneath the slogans, the agreement is already enormous. We do not defeat division by creating a new enemy. We defeat it by making the shared standard visible and giving people a lawful way to act on it together.

Quality of life is the daily proof of whether freedom is working.

## The North Star Belongs to the People

A stable public standard changes who sets the question. A party can ask which side we are on. The Covenant asks what happened to our health, stability, peace and safety, family, opportunity, ownership, and truth and respect. The public can carry that question across parties, election cycles, administrations, and industries.

The Seven do not wait in a committee for permission to matter. We can support them, organize around them, and advance substantive proposals in their name now. Where a proposal requires legislation, we name the act we want and ask representatives to support it, oppose it with reasons, or present a better way to serve the same human destination. Their office has duties. The people have judgment and constitutional means to exercise it.

Three distinctions keep that judgment honest. What human standard does the representative accept? Which mechanisms does the representative support, oppose, qualify, or propose instead? What did the representative actually do, and what can the evidence show about the result? Each answer matters. None is silently substituted for another.

Agreement with one policy does not establish agreement with the Covenant's complete human and economic bargain. Commitment to the Seven does not itself prove support for the three economic commitments, independence, or public proof. An alternative mechanism is judged by its terms and consequences. The North Star stays visible while methods are examined.

Freedom is not an abstraction reserved for speeches or television arguments. It is something a family can check against an ordinary week. Can you obtain care without sacrificing housing, groceries, transportation, or the next month's bills? Does the work you perform leave you with anything durable — savings, benefits, equity, or a stake you can hand down? When you make an honest effort, is there a real next step? Can your children move through the day without violence or manufactured fear? Can your family plan, stay together, and picture the next generation beginning with more

security than the last? Those questions track the Seven directly. A press release can declare victory. Daily life tells the truth.

So the Covenant carries one test and applies it to everything: does this decision deliver more of the Seven to ordinary families, or does it improve an institution's numbers while freedom and quality of life remain unchanged?

Most of what passes for progress fails that test. A market reaches a record while families cannot build an emergency reserve. A city celebrates visitor spending while workers and neighborhoods that create the experience hold little of the ownership. An agency announces a larger budget while the condition it was funded to end grows worse. A politician points to dollars allocated instead of outcomes delivered. That is not progress; it is measurement pointed in the wrong direction. The Covenant does not ask whether the average rose or whether the announcement sounded good. It asks which of the Seven improved, for whom, by how much, and who owns the result.

Apply that test to a noncontroversial public dollar. If an infrastructure program costs more each year, employs more administrators, and issues more reports while fewer homes receive safe water, it has failed—regardless of which party funded it. If a workforce program trains people yet leaves them without portable health coverage, ownership, or a wage that can support a family, it has failed. If a tourism policy increases total spending while the communities that supplied the culture remain outside the economy, it has failed. Politicians do not have to be vilified to be exposed. They must defend the result or align with a better structure.

A decision earns alignment by answering for all Seven. A cheaper service that excludes the sick has not improved Health. A job count that hides displacement has not improved Stability. A safer system that makes correction unreachable has not improved Truth and Respect. A neighborhood investment that removes the neighborhood's families has not improved Ownership.

Some projects advance one condition first. They must still account for their effects on the others. We do not pretend every gain appears at once, and we do not permit one headline to conceal a loss imposed elsewhere.

The game is rigged when the rule makers, funders, gatekeepers, and scorekeepers are the same institutions.

A rigged game is not answered by pleading with its referee. It is answered by changing bargaining position: align people around the Seven; organize purchasing, labor, capital, data, attention, culture, and votes; then make every institution defend measurable results in the open. That is lawful, peaceful power. It does not manufacture anger. It converts anger the machine misdirected into informed accountability and gives every institution an exit through alignment.

The Seven make that accountability nonpartisan. A rural family and a family on the South or West Side of Chicago may vote differently, worship differently, and enter through different doors; both want health, stability, peace and safety, family, opportunity, ownership, and truth and respect.

Neither has to desert everything already believed in order to stand on that ground. The conflict begins when a politician asks for loyalty while opposing the quality of life that politician's own constituents want. Then the Covenant gives the citizen a clear standard, a public answer, and permission to act on it.

This is why the Seven are the governing architecture of the document. Freedom is the promise. Quality of life is the daily proof. The Seven are the permanent standard. Every account, lane, incentive, public dollar, and political commitment is measured against them. A program that delivers none of the Seven is not progress, however well it polls. A program that delivers them is worth defending, whoever first proposed it.

Because the Seven are universal, people enter through different doors. The cannabis worker. The returning citizen. The teacher, gig driver, small-business owner, creator, tradesman, immigrant worker, parent, pastor, and voter who quit because nothing changed. Each enters through the door that fits their life. These are not many deals. It is one deal with many entrances. Wages, housing, health, and safety are the same Covenant approached from different sides, every door opening onto the Seven. Walk through any door and you will find your neighbor already inside—the one from the county that votes the other way.

And here is the point on which everything turns, so we state it plainly.

The people closest to the struggle are not a charity class. They are the organizing spine.

If the word organizing sounds like something other people do — professionals, activists, politicians — strip it back to what it actually is, because you already do it. Organizing is the block club and the church kitchen. It is the group chat that fills a bleacher for one family's fundraiser, the union hall, the PTA, the crew that shows up when a neighbor's roof fails. It is ordinary people deciding that something matters and moving on it together. Every neighborhood in this country already knows how to do that. The Covenant does not teach the people to organize; it points what they already do at the Seven things they already want.

The old way of talking about hard places treats us as a problem to be managed, a population to be served, or a line item in somebody else's budget.

This Covenant refuses that completely. We survived the conditions the machine created; we are not the objects of this work. We are its authors and its engine. We carry the map, the numbers, the relationships, and the credibility no outside institution can manufacture. Treated as a charity class, we remain dependent and the machine keeps its winnings. Organized around the Seven, we become the force large enough to make the structure answer.

A spine is not a closed club. It is what the whole body stands up with. When those of us who know where the pathway broke lead the repair, the road we rebuild carries everyone.

So the common ground is ours to organize around. The standard is clear, and the people can carry it into public life before any institution endorses the work. We bring the proposals, require an honest public answer, and judge the action that follows. The economic structure makes that civic independence stronger: benefits follow the person, ownership follows the work, and community wealth follows the value created.

# Part 4 · The Counter-System: Benefits Follow the Person · Ownership Follows the Work · Community Wealth Follows the Value Created

The machine runs on a chain: capital is denied, the people are blamed, public money is routed through managers of the wound, value returns only when someone else can capture it, and the arrangement is protected by division. The counter-system runs the chain in reverse. Truth makes alignment possible. Alignment creates organized demand. Organized demand becomes lawful leverage. Leverage delivers health protection, ownership, and mobility. Mobility produces political independence. This Part builds that counter-system under three governing sentences.

**Benefits follow the person. Ownership follows the work. Community wealth follows the value created.**

## The $3.2 Trillion Question

Why would corporations, technology companies, institutional capital, or organized labor ignore approximately $3.2 trillion in annual spending by the lower half of American consumer units?

That is what the lower half of American consumer units by income spent in 2024, using the Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer-expenditure measure. The statistic ranks households and other consumer units rather than individual people, so it does not pretend to be an exact count of the bottom 150 million citizens. It measures the economic point directly: people described as the bottom already move trillions of dollars through the economy every year.

Institutions do not align because they are persuaded to surrender power. They align because an organized public holds the labor, purchasing power, data, attention, culture, trust, and public legitimacy on which enterprise depends. The people are not petitioners standing outside the economy. The people are the economy.

Millions of aligned families can reward Covenant enterprises with demand, talent, trust, and patient capital. They can redirect purchases, data, labor, attention, and investment from institutions that refuse public proof. They can finance, build, and buy from lawful alternatives. That leverage is not automatic or absolute. It becomes real through organization, disciplined choice, capable enterprises, and proof. The Covenant supplies all four.

Aligned enterprise receives trusted workers, durable demand, public credibility, and a place in the ownership economy being built. An institution that refuses remains free to compete— against an organized public capable of funding, staffing, buying from, and building a better alternative. The hidden bargain is no longer hidden. The exit is alignment.

Read them as three corrections to three extractions. Benefits follow the person, not the job — so changing employers, working independently, taking several gigs, or moving from training into

ownership never strips a family of health coverage, emergency protection, or retirement progress. Ownership follows the work, not the connections — so the people who create the value hold a stake in what they built. Community wealth follows the value created — so when a neighborhood becomes more valuable, a defined share remains with the people and institutions that made it valuable instead of washing over them on its way out.

## The Person Becomes the Continuing Relationship

At the center of the proposed architecture sits the member-owned, self-funded People's Benefits & Ownership Trust. Members organize purchasing power and retain governing control. The Trust is designed to stand independently of any outside insurer's or fund's ownership; that independence does not prohibit buying defined protection, professional administration, or care from qualified enterprises.

A worker bargaining alone can be presented with take-it-or-leave-it terms. An organized membership can bring a continuing population and a funded proposition to the negotiating table. The economic asset is not simply a stack of premiums. It is the durable relationship with people who require care and protection across a lifetime of changing work.

Under the inherited arrangement, a job can determine a family's plan, network, administration, and continuity. Change the employer and the family may have to reestablish what it already built. Physicians and hospitals work through fragmented payment and administrative arrangements. The person adapts to the institution.

The inversion is direct:

### THE INSTITUTION COMPETES TO SERVE THE PERSON.

The member relationship continues. Providers of protection, care, and administration connect to it under terms that can be compared and corrected. Employers, clients, independent businesses, and workers contribute through lawful arrangements; no single employer becomes the owner of the family's protection.

Consider a skilled worker moving from a contractor's payroll into a company the worker owns. The intended result is a continuing benefits relationship, recognized skills, and accumulated ownership. The worker changes the source of work, not the identity around which protection is organized. When the next provider offers better service, the relationship has a means to improve without treating the member as a new economic life.

## What Each Healthcare Party Can Gain

Qualified insurers can compete to provide defined insurance, catastrophic protection, or other lawful risk services. They gain access to organized demand and can earn a fair return for risk and service.

They do not acquire the membership or its governing authority merely because they insure a portion of the risk.

Hospitals and healthcare networks can compete on access, price, quality, continuity, and results. A continuing population and clearer payment arrangements can offer a more durable commercial relationship. Whether they reduce avoidable costs or administrative waste must be tested. A network earns its place through care the members can actually obtain.

Physicians and other qualified clinicians can help design arrangements in which compensation, clinical time, continuity, and patient outcomes fit together more intelligently. Their professional judgment remains real. Paying a clinician to keep a person well and coordinate care is a different bargain from multiplying administrative burdens while paying primarily for disconnected transactions.

Administrators, pharmacies, and other service enterprises can compete on understandable fees, useful service, accuracy, response, and measured performance. A useful intermediary remains welcome. Its control and compensation must answer to the function it performs.

Members gain a stronger bargaining position and the intended continuity of protection across employment changes. Employers and clients can gain a clearer way to contribute to that protection without recreating its administration with every relationship. Government can gain fewer avoidable public costs if the arrangement produces real health and stability. These are reasons to explore alignment; none is an outcome we claim before proof.

## Protection Does Not Disappear in the Pool

Self-funded means the arrangement carries obligations that must actually be financed. Claims, administration, reserves, and catastrophic risk do not vanish because members own the instrument. Contributions, professional risk analysis, appropriate insurance or reinsurance, and enforceable duties must sustain the protection promised.

The Trust's legal classification, participant eligibility, funding, and cross-employer arrangements must be established under applicable federal and state law before operation. The word trust supplies no exemption. Health, emergency savings, retirement, and ownership assets require their own lawful treatment and accounting; one attractive name cannot erase those boundaries.

Competition must be for the whole human bargain. It cannot reward excluding the sick, restricting medically appropriate care, passing hidden bills to the member, or offering nominal choice where practical access is absent. A patient retains human review of consequential decisions and a usable path to correction. If the new system makes the expensive person somebody else's problem, it has reproduced the extraction.

There may be places where few providers compete, jobs change before contributions stabilize, or a family requires more support than its earnings can finance. Those conditions belong in the design

and public accounting. Members must be told the actual terms; continuity is a commitment to finance and deliver, not a word that eliminates cost.

## SI Helps Build the Arrangement; People Govern It

Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability can assist comparisons, purchasing analysis, enrollment, records coordination, claims review, forecasting, reserve modeling, and the detection of waste and fraud. They can help test alternative incentives before people are asked to live inside them. They can also produce error, bias, or intrusive information practices. Clinical decisions, consequential benefit decisions, fiduciary duties, and appeal remain under accountable human authority.

The test is not whether the Trust can buy more sophisticated administration. It is whether that capability reduces the distance between the person and useful care, preserves independence, and advances the Seven. Health becomes reachable care. Stability becomes continuity. Peace and Safety include reliable protection and accountable decisions. Family gains security through changing work. Opportunity grows when a person can change work without gambling away protection. Ownership remains with members and the assets they build. Truth and Respect make terms and consequences visible.

## The Federal Transition Bargain

Members fund the proposed system through lawful contributions tied to work and value created. The Covenant proposes a temporary, capped, declining federal reinsurance backstop for catastrophic transition risk, tied to independently verified reductions in public liabilities government already carries. It must have identified lawful authority, funded obligations, and an exit that does not abandon members. Savings across Medicaid, uncompensated care, or public safety cannot simply be treated as one transferable bank account.

As lawful earnings grow, reserves mature, and reliable claims experience develops, the public risk commitment is intended to decline. If those conditions do not appear, the schedule and remedy must be reported. The proposition is to convert an unstable public liability into protected participation and ownership, not to relabel private losses as public savings.

The gap this work addresses is visible. In 2025, 89 percent of full-time civilian workers had access to employer medical benefits, compared with 25 percent of part-time workers. Genuine independent contractors do not possess an employer benefits relationship. When an enterprise receives labor without financing its share of protection, families and public systems can carry the cost. The Covenant brings that cost into the bargain while keeping the worker’s protection portable.

Around the Trust sit portable credentials, community trusts, Community Equity Agreements, member-owned financial infrastructure, the Covenant industries, public dashboards, and the Ownership Vote. Their separate instruments carry the operating detail. The parent carries the

governing proposition: the person becomes the continuity, institutions compete to serve that continuity, and the people retain the control and durable value the relationship creates.

## Economic Independence Makes Public Direction Practical

A person one lost job away from losing care can possess the formal right to disagree and still be afraid to use it. A neighborhood dependent on one gatekeeper for every opportunity can possess votes and still struggle to organize an independent agenda. Economic captivity weakens the practical exercise of civic power.

Portable protection, earned capability, owned enterprise, and retained community wealth can make independence more usable. The person can compare an employer's terms; the business can choose a provider; the community can bargain from assets; the citizen can judge a representative with less fear that disagreement will destroy the household's continuity.

That is why the counter-system and political accountability belong in one Covenant. Care, protection, work, and lawful public services must not be exchanged for party loyalty or a prescribed vote. The people's stronger economic position enlarges their freedom to exercise judgment. It does not give the Trust, a party, or the Covenant's stewards ownership of that judgment.

The Ownership System begins through three starting Covenant Industries — Skilled Builders, Cannabis Equity & Unity, and Creator & Culture — because each exists across the country, each reaches people whose capacity has too often been punished, ignored, extracted, or kept outside durable ownership, and each can prove the same conversion in a different field. The Human SIEC Charter does not sit beside them as a fourth industry. It sits above and across them, governing how SI and the Extraordinary Capability it enables enter these industries and every other field the Covenant reaches.

Skilled Builders converts proven capacity into licensed work, portable protection, company formation, and ownership. Cannabis Equity & Unity holds that the old system used cannabis to punish and the Covenant uses it to restore, converting hard-won underground knowledge into lawful citizenship and ownership. Creator & Culture holds that the old system used culture to build wealth somewhere else and the Covenant uses it to restore wealth to the source, converting captured culture into creator-owned businesses. One idea unites the three: we are not converting burdens into workers. We are recognizing builders, operators, creators, and business owners as assets, then converting proven capacity into lawful work, portable benefits, enterprise, and ownership. Across all three, the Human SIEC Charter asks the same human questions wherever SI enters: who holds authority, who remains responsible, who advances, where did the productivity gain go, what becomes portable, and who owns the durable result.

They are the starting line, not the boundary. The objective is the work this country stopped doing: growing the middle class, multiplying ownership, building wealth that passes down, and raising the quality of life a family can feel in an ordinary week. We are not building a workforce to be used and

discarded. We are building owners who make owners — companies whose workers can become the next owners, on a ladder that never pulls up its rungs.

## Credit, Enterprise, and the First Stake

A capable worker can remain a renter of opportunity when credit recognizes only the assets the worker has not yet been allowed to accumulate. The Covenant brings verified work, contracts, credentials, management, and a credible path to ownership into the financing conversation. Those facts can make a productive relationship easier to assess; they do not remove credit risk or guarantee a loan.

An aligned lender gains a customer with stronger capability and a structure designed to protect continuity. The borrower gains clear terms and an asset-building path, with the cost, collateral, recourse, and consequences of default understood. Organized demand can make competing offers worth soliciting. Member-owned financial institutions can be developed under their own lawful charters, with governing duties that protect the member's independence.

The same correction governs enterprise formation. A builder, operator, or creator should be able to acquire customers, lawful business memory, capital, and a transferable stake. Useful investors and partners earn through the value they add. Their contract must not turn every successful step into another reason the original contributor cannot leave.

## Learning, Capability, and the Next Door

Education can be organized around the learner's continuing development rather than making one institution the owner of the path. Schools, universities, apprenticeships, teachers, mentors, employers, and credible verifiers bring different strengths. They can earn by building capability people can demonstrate, carry, and put to work.

The inversion does not erase the value of expertise or a degree. It asks what the learner gains, what the learning costs, and whether the next institution recognizes what has actually been accomplished. SI can make tutoring, practice, translation, research, and documentation more accessible. Human teachers and professional verifiers remain responsible for the judgments their work requires.

A person who can learn while earning, show real capability, compare the next offer, and carry protection into it has more than access to a course. That person has a stronger economic position. Enterprise gains talent capable of advancing; family gains a path it can afford; community gains capacity that can remain and build. The Charter governs the use of extraordinary capability inside that bargain.

Then comes the moment where work has to become a future.

The Covenant is a strategic companion to organized labor—not a rival and not a replacement.

Organized labor is essential to collective bargaining over wages, hours, safety, and conditions inside an employer. Unions bargain inside the employer; the Covenant builds the portable asset layer outside the employer. Aligned unions keep their members and add continuous health protection, SI and technology credentialing, individual asset building, and worker-to-owner pathways that travel across union jobs, independent work, and enterprise ownership. The member gains a modern extension of union strength without weakening the union's bargaining role.

With the worker's consent and control, serious wages feed portable health protection, an emergency reserve, retirement, a home, enterprise ownership, and the next generation's stake. The federal government has created a useful destination for that last piece: Trump Accounts, including a one-time $1,000 federal contribution for eligible U.S.-citizen children born from 2025 through 2028, with private and employer contributions permitted under federal rules. Funding opened on July 4, 2026—the country's 250th anniversary.

The account is a real beginning and should not be diminished. The federal contribution is a one-time seed; the national interest burden recurs. The comparison illustrates scale, not a child's personal debt or a guaranteed account return. An account can exist on paper while the families who would benefit most have the least disposable income to fund it. The Family Accelerator closes that gap at the source. Under the proposed Father-to-Future principle, verified lawful work becomes a trigger for contributions to a child's account from a defined, funded share of the value that formalization creates. Employer contributions, enterprise gainsharing, or other lawful contributions can supply that share. A household is not required to produce money it does not possess, and an unmeasured public saving is not treated as a deposit already available. The government's destination and the Covenant's conversion engine align.

It is named for fathers because older welfare structures too often made the presence of a working-age man a financial liability to the household. The Covenant reverses the incentive. It makes staying, providing, and building the better deal. The principle serves mothers, guardians, and caregivers as well; the correction is that family formation and lawful provision must be rewarded rather than penalized.

The child retains the account under its governing law; the sponsor does not acquire the child's asset. Other lawful saving arrangements can serve families outside a particular federal program's eligibility. No child loses dignity because the work or eligibility of a parent differs.

The same conversion runs straight through the question of the underground economy, and here the Covenant holds a hard line in both directions at once.

Coming into the light has to be a gain. It cannot be a trap.

Millions work in the shadows—paid in cash, off the books, outside benefits and ownership. The shadows are not a moral preference. The formal economy often offered no real door, or a door that cost more than it gave. The Covenant makes daylight the better deal: serious prevailing wages where

those wages already exist, portable benefits, a child's account, recognized credentials, and a rapid path from worker to crew leader to owner. That supports enforcement without turning workers into informants, drains labor from exploitative actors, and creates a lawful path that can also support earned immigration regularization where federal law permits. People raise their hands because the lawful path finally leads somewhere.

One more correction belongs here, because Super Intelligence and the Extraordinary Capability it enables are arriving across every part of the economy, and much of its value rests on what humanity has already created, recorded, discovered, taught, built, and learned. The national debate speaks of models, markets, displacement, safety, and dominance. The missing questions are who remains responsible, who advances, what happens to released human capacity, and who shares in the yield.

Super Intelligence is a human governance and ownership question before it is a software question.

The Human SIEC Charter sits directly beneath this parent Covenant and across the work. It is not a fourth Covenant Industry, and it is not a second Covenant. The People's Freedom & Quality of Life Covenant establishes what human progress is for. The Human SIEC Charter governs the human bargain for Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability in service of that destination.

Technology remains the instrument. Human beings determine the assignment. The Charter applies wherever SI touches health, stability, peace and safety, family, opportunity, ownership, or truth and respect — whether in construction, healthcare, education, finance, culture, government, energy, manufacturing, agriculture, infrastructure, or fields not yet named. Institutions contribute what they do best and keep their lawful authority; the people remain the constituency.

Humanity also cannot disappear from the capability's value story. Super Intelligence did not independently invent human language, science, history, medicine, engineering, mathematics, literature, music, law, craft, culture, discovery, or accumulated recorded experience. Modern systems are also shaped by technical and institutional choices whose detailed facts and legal consequences belong in the evidence and lower layers. The governing point here is narrower and stronger: human knowledge is foundational to the capability, and the human source should not disappear from the value story. That moral and stewardship proposition is distinct from whatever current law says about ownership of particular models, datasets, contracts, or intellectual property.

Every consequential SI system remains under accountable human authority. A named person or accountable team must hold real power to question, stop, change, correct, and reverse consequential action. That authority cannot exist only as another instruction inside the same system being governed. It must be independently enforceable through permissions, access boundaries, monitoring, revocation, and stop authority outside the system's own discretion. Public acknowledgments by frontier developers and researchers working on alignment have brought wider attention to the possibility that highly capable systems can act outside intended human boundaries. Those acknowledgments make the governance question harder to dismiss; they do not make any company's account of a specific incident final truth. The sponsoring enterprise remains responsible

for deployment and cannot turn software, a vendor chain, or a lower-level worker into the place where responsibility disappears. Public authority remains public; government cannot privatize its responsibility by purchasing an automated system. The Human SIEC Charter carries the fuller governing and evidence discipline one layer down. Automation should release human capacity upward, not merely erase payroll lines. When fewer people can produce what once required more labor, follow the gain. It may appear in enterprise profit, prices, compensation, ownership, benefits, shorter or safer work, new enterprise formation, family time, and future productive capacity. Reduced hours without sufficient purchasing power are not freedom. People who create and enable value should have realistic pathways to participate in the gain. Access is useful. Ownership is durable.

The assignment is affirmative: point the Extraordinary Capability SI enables at ordinary human problems — earlier and better care, portable protection, safer systems, stronger small businesses, easier learning, more usable human time, more reliable infrastructure, clearer truth, and ownership that reaches people and communities. Super Intelligence can enable Extraordinary Capability without becoming the destination. The Seven determine whether it counts as progress.

Finally, a word about capital, because a counter-system that treats every investor as an enemy will fail as surely as one that lets capital do whatever it pleases. Investors are not the enemy; honest capital is part of the cure. The discipline is to set the terms. Capital that builds with the people gains trusted demand, capable talent, public credibility, and durable opportunity. Capital that refuses remains free to compete against an organized public capable of financing and building an alternative. Money is welcome when it leaves health, skills, enterprise, and ownership behind in the hands that created the value. It is refused when it arrives to harvest that value and price the people out of the result.

Federal efforts to expand domestic manufacturing and skilled work create potential ground for alignment. A job announcement must still answer for wages, protection, ownership, and community return. The Covenant brings what government and corporations cannot manufacture from above: workers and leaders rooted in the trenches; union, faith, family, creator, and community relationships; a Non-Gang Organization lane that converts street structure into lawful enterprise; a path capable of bringing millions from unstable and underground work into benefits and ownership; private capital; and public proof. Industrial investment then does more than announce jobs. It produces owners, durable family assets, and stronger communities measured by the Seven.

This, then, is the counter-system: a member-governed Trust designed to make the person the continuing relationship and institutions competing to serve that relationship, an Ownership System that converts work into assets, three starting Covenant Industries, the Human SIEC Charter governing SI across the work, a Family Accelerator that carries the gain into the next generation, a lawful door wide enough to shrink the underground economy, organized public leverage, and terms that keep capital honest. We can organize, research, build lawful alternatives, and advance the public offer now. We bring the human destination, the economic architecture, and the terms we want

institutions to answer. Legal instruments carry regulated operations into effect; public authority performs its assigned acts. Neither writes the people's purpose for us. The money already moves. The people already hold leverage. The Covenant connects that leverage to a constructive bargain and public judgment.

# Part 5 · The Federal Alignment: The Money Is Already There · We Bring What Government Cannot Manufacture

We bring the federal administration a human destination and economic architecture already developed through our own work. Our public direction begins with the Seven and continues whether or not the administration participates.

The first institutional invitation goes to the administration for operational reasons: benefits, reinsurance, prescription access, child accounts, labor status, privacy, SI infrastructure, and lawful pathways touch federal responsibilities. Recognition, coordination, and lawful executive action can open doors and accelerate proof. We propose specific actions within those powers and bring legislative propositions to Congress where legislation is required. Public organizing, advocacy, and judgment proceed alongside both.

The invitation is a course of engagement, not a gate the country must wait outside. Government can join the bargain. It does not create, own, or absorb the Covenant.

Shared ground for potential alignment is visible before any meeting occurs. President Trump and the administration have advanced domestic manufacturing, skilled-trade training and AI apprenticeships, child ownership accounts, ratepayer protection for data-center growth, quantum leadership, and congressional term limits. The Covenant independently reaches the same direction and adds the missing conversion engine: portable benefits, worker-to-owner pathways, community return, the Human SIEC Charter's human-governance layer, the organization of lawful demand, and public proof. This is not a party endorsement. It is an honest recognition of shared ground.

## The Institutional Room Is Opening

On September 29, 2026, President Trump and representatives of six frontier-technology companies signed the White House Accord on Super Intelligence. Its voluntary commitments address internal controls, internal review, outside assessment, and board oversight. Executive Order 14434, issued that day, directs executive-branch use of SI terminology within its lawful scope. The subsequent announcement of a Super Intelligence Force under Jay Clayton brings federal coordination into the same developing conversation.

These developments create a consequential opening. They do not establish that institutions adopted or were influenced by our work. The Covenant's offer stands on its own: put the human destination and economic bargain inside the conversation about capability, safety, innovation, and national leadership.

Controls answer how a system is kept within intended bounds. The Seven ask whether the intended use deserves its power. A safe system can still deepen economic captivity. A powerful national

industry can still leave families unable to move, own, or participate. We bring the Covenant and Charter together because human authority and human economic freedom belong in the same room.

We established the human destination before any institutional response. Four institutional functions are invited to answer its terms. Government and Enterprise may bring lawful authority, risk capacity, infrastructure, research, and capital. Civic and Community Organizations may bring independent associations, local trust, work, culture, and public witness. Media may independently investigate, communicate, and scrutinize proposed and actual results without surrendering editorial freedom. Families and individual citizens are not additional institutions: we remain the human authors, beneficiaries, participants, and judges of what is promised. The bargain identifies what each willing participant contributes, gains, keeps, and must prove.

A party may support a particular mechanism without accepting the complete Covenant. We record that support accurately and continue the larger conversation. Full alignment means the Seven and the human and economic commitments are carried together; an agreement must still prove the action it promises.

## What We Bring

We bring relationships and operating credibility in communities national institutions usually discuss from a distance; workers and leaders from the trenches; a Non-Gang Organization path; union, creator, faith, family, and community reach; the conversion of underground work into lawful enterprise; pooled demand; private capital willing to build under Covenant terms; Chicago proof lanes; and accountability from day one. No administration possesses that ground infrastructure. No institution can purchase its trust after the fact.

Public organization can begin now through the relationships the people already hold. The existing accelerated activation target is at least one million people within approximately thirty days of public acknowledgement and alignment. That milestone describes an intended acceleration; it does not supply permission to organize or make recognition the origin of our civic power.

The organizing spine begins with men connected through the Unity movement and the Non- Gang Organization conversion, then expands through families, churches, unions, creators, small businesses, and neighborhoods. The Million Man March showed in 1995 that Black men could mobilize nationally around unity and responsibility; many men in today's network belong to that generation or were formed by it.

One million is a target for real people, not a number to announce ahead of them. For scale, it is approximately one-third the size of the National Education Association, at roughly three million members. Verified participation, leaders, geography, and actual organizing capacity belong on the dashboard. Voluntary civic assent is reported distinctly from enrollment in a funded benefits arrangement; one does not establish the other.

The accelerated thirty-day target is a capacity claim to prove, not a guaranteed head count. Our agenda and organizing work continue across the election calendar.

In Chicago, federal alignment carries special force because the same local and state gatekeeping structure documented in Part Two can delay, dilute, or bury any proof left entirely inside it. Recognition from the administration, direct access to the appropriate authority, and visible alignment make that quiet burial far harder. The administration does not run or own the Covenant. It can see the value, help open doors the existing structure would close, and align lawful power to a working solution.

Government is invited to recognize the value and act where lawful responsibilities and the public proposition meet. We retain direction; government answers through the actions it takes.

And here is the part that changes the politics of the whole thing.

The public financial flows already exist. We propose to turn spending that sustains instability toward results that produce health, stability, lawful participation, and ownership.

The Covenant seeks to begin by aligning existing public financial flows rather than asking for a new general tax or fresh congressional appropriation. That is a design constraint to prove, not a declaration that every required dollar is already lawfully available.

Medicaid, uncompensated care, emergency treatment, and public-safety spending include different payers, obligations, and authorities. A reduction in one liability does not automatically create transferable cash in another. The Federal Alignment Roadmap must show who pays now, which authority can act, what appropriation or waiver permits the change, and whether the saving survives after transition costs are counted.

We propose a temporary federal reinsurance backstop alongside member funding: capped, independently justified, funded, and designed to decline and end as the arrangement becomes sustainable. The Roadmap identifies the authority and public action required. We place any necessary legislation before Congress with the purpose, terms, cost, and evidence visible. Representatives are asked to act on that proposition and answer for their position. Existing spending law governs the instrument; the people govern the objectives they advance through it.

Government gains only the saving the evidence supports. Members gain only the protection the funded arrangement can deliver. The better bargain is to turn avoidable instability into health, lawful contribution, and ownership without leaving anyone's real cost off the books.

Healthcare is the first test because portable benefits mean little unless people can actually obtain care. The administration's TrumpRx initiative provides a federal price-and-access window for cash-paying patients seeking discounted medicines. The Covenant can bring an organized population, pooled purchasing power, funding, comparison tools, and measurement to that rail. Prescription discounts are one component, not a substitute for coverage. The larger structure is the member-

owned, self-funded People's Benefits & Ownership Trust: continuous benefits designed to follow the person, a proposed temporary federal reinsurance backstop for catastrophic transition risk, and transparent measurement of what public and household costs are truly reduced.

The Covenant never claims a saving it has not measured, and it never lets a cash-price window become an excuse to abandon anyone who is owed real coverage. The eight-step mechanics of that rail live one layer down, in the Federal Alignment Roadmap. The governing principle belongs here: meet people where the exposure is, connect them to lawful access, and prove every dollar.

The second rail is ownership: the Trump Account, the government-seeded investment instrument that opened to funding on the country's two hundred and fiftieth birthday. Government created a useful account; the Covenant's Family Accelerator proposes a funded connection between lawful work, value created, and the child's stake. The child's ownership is the human purpose. The account is an instrument serving it. The Roadmap carries the contribution mechanics and eligibility rules; the parent calls for a bargain capable of reaching families with little money to contribute.

The design is built to scale by population, not by campaign calendar. It begins through the three starting Covenant Industries, extends into adjacent independent and informal work, and can reach millions who live outside stable employer benefits. The Human SIEC Charter applies across those industries and beyond them wherever SI changes the bargain. Estimates vary depending on how independent work and benefit instability are defined, so the Covenant will not pretend one number settles the question. The scale is nevertheless national, and the operating logic remains the same at every size: organize demand, make benefits portable, convert work into ownership, follow the gain, and measure the Seven.

## The Dignified Path to Citizenship

We place a constructive proposition before the country: connect lawful employment, training, worker protection, family dignity, productive participation, and an earned pathway to citizenship. We call for Congress to enact a workable path carrying those terms together.

The human destination is established in the Seven. The public question is how the country turns contribution into lawful participation and a durable future while protecting the people already working and building here.

The proposed bargain begins with lawful work at honest standards, verified training and capability, known requirements, fair individual consideration, family stability, and a defined progression toward citizenship. A worker's vulnerability must not become an employer's discount. Existing workers and new participants receive protection against a race to the bottom. A lawful pathway should reward contribution without allowing private sponsorship to own the person's future.

Portable protection, recognized skills, and enterprise formation give that proposition economic substance. Enterprise can gain reliable lawful talent and clearer terms. Government can gain participation it can account for. Communities can gain less space for exploitation. Families can gain a

future they can plan. Participants can gain an earned path whose requirements are public before they are asked to rely on it.

Citizenship is not a commodity an employer, fund, or Trust can sell. Our proposed terms require screening, due process, individual judgment, and fair treatment of people already pursuing legal pathways. A person's origin does not settle an individual case, and productive contribution does not erase serious wrongdoing. Coming into lawful participation must not be turned into an arrangement recruiting workers to inform on their neighbors.

Congress's responsibility is to develop and vote the law within its legislative authority: eligibility, lawful status, work authorization, requirements, sequence, and the route to citizenship. We bring the governing terms and ask representatives to support them, identify the changes they propose, or explain their opposition. Their legislative responsibility is part of the route into effect. It is not authorship of the people's human purpose.

Existing immigration and work-authorization law remains controlling until lawfully changed. The Covenant does not itself grant status or permission to work. That distinction tells the truth about the instrument while leaving the public proposition intact.

SI can help people learn, document skills, understand procedures, assemble accurate records, compare labor terms, and build lawful enterprise. It can help institutions administer the path clearly. Named public authority remains responsible for consequential status decisions and usable correction. The capability assists the bargain; it does not decide who belongs beyond law or human review.

We advance the proposal, organize support, and make the answer public. The Seven apply to the people already here and the people seeking a lawful future. Representatives must explain what their proposed action would do for work, protection, family, opportunity, ownership, and the country's lawful order.

## Congress in a Quandary

We bring our constructive proposal before Congress. Its standing does not wait for an administration to align first.

The quandary is the public choice the Covenant makes visible: support the proposition and act; identify a specific objection; or offer a better alternative whose terms and consequences can be judged against the Seven. A representative may disagree with a mechanism. The disagreement is recorded accurately, along with the reason, proposed alternative, and action that follows.

The public can then distinguish a pledge from a vote, a vote from implementation, and implementation from a result. Committee obstruction cannot disappear beneath public praise. Opposition cannot be called support. One policy agreement cannot be advertised as acceptance of the complete Covenant. Silence remains no response, with its own civic consequence.

Organized people supply the pressure through speech, petition, lawful economic choices, participation, and elections. The Covenant supplies a common standard and constructive terms. The representative retains the constitutional responsibilities of the office and answers publicly for their exercise. We do not manufacture support, opposition, or outcomes. We make the real answer visible and exercise our own judgment.

One promise governs the entire alignment, and it is not negotiable.

### Consumer choice never becomes consumer abandonment.

A system built on choice can drift, if no one guards it, into a system that quietly abandons the people most expensive to serve—the chronically ill, the person with a pre-existing condition, the low-income family, the catastrophic case. The Covenant forbids that drift outright. No real cost may be hidden. No vulnerable person may be sacrificed to make the numbers look better. Every saving is measured before it is claimed, and every account is lawful and kept separate. The alignment redirects the money, recognizes the Covenant, and never leaves a family behind in order to do it. That guardrail separates this from the thing it replaces.

Our public proposition proceeds through organized support, institutional engagement, and constitutional action. Federal participants are asked to read seriously, identify lawful actions, and help prove the bargain. We bring proposed legislation to Congress and make its response an open record. The people continue to organize and judge throughout. Every claimed saving, ownership result, and public benefit must be proved. Part Six carries that truth architecture.

# Part 6 · The Truth Architecture: Public Proof From Day One, and How This Could Fail

A Covenant that begins by exposing the old system for hiding the truth cannot then ask to be trusted on faith. It has to hold itself to every standard it demands of everyone else. That standard has a name in this document: truth is infrastructure — as load-bearing as any account or any lane — and the Covenant builds it through one discipline applied without exception: public proof from day one.

Every claim this Covenant makes is meant to be checked. So the Covenant publishes — openly, continuously, in plain view — what it is doing and what it is producing. The instrument for that is a public dashboard.

Faith is not a figure in a public dashboard, and a dashboard cannot judge a person's faith. But faith is no excuse for unsupported numbers, hidden costs, or a promise announced as a completed result. We answer before God for the integrity of our undertaking, and before the people for its observable conduct. Both call for humility when the truth requires correction.

The dashboard is proof, not marketing.

It must show the bargain as well as the activity. Who contributed money, work, risk, public advantage, or trust? Who controlled the relationship before and after? What cost fell, what cost appeared, what asset was created, and who kept it? Could the member obtain care, the worker advance, the business change providers, and the family remain secure through the transition?

Aggregate improvement cannot conceal a person or neighborhood left worse off. Outcomes are reported by the relevant population, with privacy protected. Publication does not require exposing medical records, family histories, confidential business information, or individual immigration files. Independent verification can test protected evidence without making surveillance the price of belonging.

## Public Direction Must Remain Visible

The political record shows three things separately: commitment to the Seven, with acceptance of the complete Covenant identified distinctly; positions on specific mechanisms; and actual governing conduct and results. A declaration does not become a delivered outcome. A useful vote does not become a whole-Covenant commitment. An alternative receives the terms and evidence required to judge it.

Positions are dated and attributed. Yes, no, conditional support, a proposed alternative, and no response remain distinguishable. Votes, sponsorship, committee actions, appropriations, executive acts, and implementation are recorded where relevant to the office's actual powers. Outcomes are assessed against a baseline, with limits of attribution visible. The public sees what the representative could act on, what was promised, what was done, and what followed.

The same accuracy governs our treatment of opponents and supporters. SI may help organize the public records and expose inconsistency. Accountable people verify the evidence, and the public keeps its judgment. The scoreboard informs civic power; it does not become a machine that owns truth or tells every person how to vote.

A marketing page shows you the wins. A proof system shows you the measurements, including the ones that did not go well. It reports how many people were trained, how many advanced, how many became owners, how much money actually reached the neighborhood, what was promised against what was delivered, and what the fees were. It discloses; it does not flatter.

Two rules keep that dashboard honest. The first: savings are measured before they are claimed. The Covenant does not announce a number it has not proven; it does not promise a percentage and reconcile later; it shows the baseline first, and then the result. The second is harder: failures are reported as early as successes. Most institutions bury bad news until it can be managed or spun. The Covenant treats an early failure as the most valuable information it owns — something to surface fast enough to correct, not slow enough to hide. A system that reports only its wins is not a proof system. It is the old machine with a friendlier logo.

Behind both rules sits a single principle, and it binds every party in the Covenant — the people's own side included.

Public advantage carries public obligation.

Anything that receives public recognition, public authority, public data, or public money owes the public an accounting of what was done with it. The Covenant does not exempt itself. Every Covenant industry, trust, lane, and signing institution or officeholder either publishes the proof or forfeits standing. The Parent Source & Verification Register is maintained as a separate companion appendix so the evidence remains accessible without turning the public Covenant into a sourcebook.

This obligation also governs the Covenant's own public record. One current Living Edition governs at a time. A first-time reader should be able to read the current edition as a complete governing document. A returning reader should be able to see a concise, dated summary of material changes, understand why the edition changed, and move directly to the revised passages without rereading the entire Covenant. Material public changes are dated, summarized, and linked; prior public editions remain accessible; corrections are disclosed; and factual and source verification is refreshed as claims are carried forward. Smaller continuity and editorial refinements may be summarized without turning the change record into a line-by-line redline. A living document is not permission to rewrite history invisibly. History remains visible; authority remains clear.

The governing phrase also has a lower-layer home of its own: Public Advantage Carries Public Obligation. That document carries the heavier work involving public incentives, infrastructure, utilities, procurement, cost attribution, property tax, host-community return, ownership, public

bargaining power, commitments, and measurable obligation. The principle belongs here. The mechanics belong below.

Public proof also changes the media bargain. An outlet may criticize the Covenant; it must engage the receipts. Ignore the evidence, and the omission becomes part of the public record. Reduce the work to party theater, and the Covenant's independent standard exposes the move. Report it honestly, and the public can judge. The Covenant does not require the media to agree. It removes the privilege of pretending no answer exists.

And now the part that most documents of this kind would never include. We are going to name, in advance and in public, the ways this Covenant could fail — because the failure modes are real, because opponents will go looking for them, and because a thing that names its own weaknesses cannot be ambushed by them. Honesty about the danger is not a confession of weakness. It is the structural advantage. There are five principal failure modes; each must also be tested against the new economic bargain.

A brand instead of an outcome — The Covenant could become a logo, a slogan, a feeling of progress with no measured change in any actual life. It is the most common death of good intentions in this country: the T-shirt outlives the promise. The guard is the dashboard. A brand can be asserted; an outcome has to be shown — and this Covenant claims nothing it has not shown.

Political theater — It could be pulled into one party's pageant — spent on a photograph and a fight instead of a build. The guard is the Covenant itself: it forbids party money, and it binds the work to the Seven things families across every side want. The instant this becomes theater, it stops being the Covenant.

Extractive capital — It could be hollowed out by money that says the right words, takes the ownership, and leaves the people exactly where the old machine left them. The guard is the discipline of the counter-system: investment comes in with the people or it does not come in at all. Ownership stays in the hands that did the work, or the capital is refused.

Administrative complexity — It could drown in rules, forms, and middlemen — buried so deep that the very people it was built for cannot reach it. That is exactly how the old system excludes them now, quietly and by design. The guard is a standard anyone can check: everything in this Covenant is written so a regular person can read it without a lawyer, and every layer added has to make the thing easier to use, not harder. The moment a working mother has to hire help to open what was built for her, that layer comes out.

Discipline lost at scale — It could begin clean and decay as it grows, the way good intentions so often do. The guard is that the Seven are not a launch slogan; they are a permanent test. At every scale, any mechanism that stops delivering health, stability, peace and safety, family, opportunity, ownership, and truth and respect is no longer operating under this Covenant, whatever name it uses.

A sixth question runs through all five: did our own architecture become the new gate? A Trust that cannot be challenged, a credential that only one verifier recognizes, a fund that owns every exit, or a community body that cannot answer its members has reversed the words and preserved the captivity. The guards are member control, independent review, separated responsibilities, contestable service, and a funded means of continuity when a provider changes.

Naming the five does not make the Covenant immune to failure. It makes failure visible and correctable. Each danger has a guard; each guard is public; and the dashboard lets supporter and skeptic alike see whether it is holding. Building on truth means exposing error early enough for the people to demand correction, not promising perfection. Truth was the first obligation. Public correction is how that obligation continues after the building begins.

The governing architecture is now visible: the diagnosis told plainly, the common ground named, the counter-system developed, the federal bargain proposed, and public proof required. The next obligation is to build and test it against real conditions. Its first proving ground is a city that carries the American story in concentrated form, where the work must answer to some of the hardest conditions in the country. That city is Chicago, and it is where this Covenant turns next.

# Part 7 · Chicago Is the Proof: The Proving Ground, Not the Limit

Everything to this point is architecture, and architecture has to be built somewhere against real conditions, where claims can be checked. No one selected Chicago from a list. This Covenant was born here. Its birth name is the Chicago Deal. The country can read, support, and organize around its human standard now. The first institutional invitation goes to President Trump and the federal administration where shared ground and lawful responsibilities meet. Legislative propositions go to Congress with the answer on the record. Neither engagement postpones the people's agenda. Born in Chicago; offered to everybody.

For generations the country has been told every bad thing about this city. Good — the audience is already assembled. Chicago carries the American story in concentrated form: migration and industry, redlining and disinvestment, corruption and one-party political power, extreme segregation, violence, cultural wealth, and extraordinary resilience, all pressed into a few miles. The Covenant does not deny that record or ask anyone to look away. It says a city known for some of the nation's hardest failures can become the place that proves the answer. If the architecture works here, it can be adapted anywhere. Chicago is the proving ground, not the limit.

The clearest measure of what went wrong is also the cruelest. In a 2019 NYU School of Medicine / City Health Dashboard analysis using 2010–2015 CDC data, life expectancy was about ninety years in Streeterville and about sixty in Englewood, roughly nine miles south — a gap of about thirty years, the largest neighborhood life-expectancy gap among the 500 largest U.S. cities examined. That historical finding is not a current prediction for an individual resident. It shows an enormous geographic gap in the conditions that support life. Poverty, housing, violence, environmental conditions, and access to care deserve examination together; the figure does not assign a measured share of the gap to each mechanism. Clean water is one immediate obligation inside that larger repair.

The Covenant therefore begins in Chicago with four proof lanes and one forward application. They are not the whole Covenant, and their complete mechanics live in separate layer-down documents. Their purpose here is narrower: to show that the Seven can be translated into real institutions, real work, real ownership, and measurable public results.

## Proof Lane One · Lead Pipe 2050

A lead service line is the pipe connecting a water main to a home or building. Where that line contains lead, it can become the most significant source of lead in drinking water — a public-health risk with no safe level of exposure for children. Chicago has more than 400,000 confirmed and suspected lead service lines, the largest known municipal inventory in the country. Federal rules generally aim to replace lead lines within ten years, with limited deferred deadlines for systems carrying extraordinary inventories; Illinois law has allowed Chicago a schedule extending into the

2070s. A child born today should not have to reach middle age before the public finishes delivering safe water.

Lead Pipe 2050 sets a proposed 2050 completion target and a $20,000 target cost per line, against the city's reported average near $31,000. Those targets require engineering, procurement, workforce, and funding proof; neither is a delivered saving or a reason to slow any earlier deadline that law requires. Savings must not come from lower wages, partial replacements, weaker materials, or reduced inspection. The proposed route is system redesign, scale, procurement, coordinated streets, open books, and gainsharing when crews beat the target without compromising quality. Every line, cost, inspection, and verified saving must be accounted for publicly.

The workforce is not a social program attached to the pipe plan. It is part of the engineering.

Chicago already pays serious prevailing wages for this work and still lacks enough crews to finish on a just timetable. We organize men whom the system pushed toward gangs and the underground economy. They did not prefer danger; lawful society offered too few paths capable of supporting a family. They enter at real trade wages, receive portable benefits, become contributors to the health system rather than people cycling through emergency and public coverage, gain credentials, and move rapidly toward ownership of crews that can work across Illinois and other cities for decades.

The existing neighborhood organization converts into a new NGO: a Non-Gang Organization.

That is the proof: health through clean water; stability through serious work; peace and safety through a lawful path; family through benefits and provision; opportunity through credentials; ownership through the worker-to-company ladder; and truth and respect through public books and recognition of the men as the assets they are. The full engineering, federal alignment, reinsurance design, and scale plan live one layer down.

## Proof Lane Two · The Chicago Unity Memorial

The second lane begins where the city has too rarely begun: with the dead, counted and remembered. Across five decades, tens of thousands of lives have been lost to violence in Chicago. Behind every number is a name, a family, and a story too often reduced to a police report. The Chicago Unity Memorial exists first to remember them, because remembrance restores dignity and family authority, and a city cannot claim to prevent what it refuses to mourn.

It is a permanent institution rather than a plaque: a Wall of Names, family-controlled digital stories, education that connects violence to the decisions and conditions beneath it, counseling and support, remembrance through Chicago's musical language, and seven regional satellites so families can reach the Memorial's services and archive within their part of the city. The complete design can change as families lead it; the parent document carries the Covenant principle, not an inflexible floor plan.

Who governs it is the proof. Families who lived the loss are not an audience; they are the authority. A standing Family Council shapes remembrance, programming, prevention, and the use of income

created through concerts and certified commerce. Lived experience holds board power, oversight is independent, and every dollar is public. The Memorial is designed to outlast any officeholder, donor, celebrity, or election cycle.

The federal alignment opportunity is direct and finite: seed a permanent institution rather than feed another annual grant cycle. The full funding proposition, governance, earned-income model, family equity, and prevention architecture live in the Memorial document one layer down. The distinction at this level is enough: the old way keeps sending more money into the same system; the Covenant builds a new system for the money.

Remembrance is the beginning. Family authority and a permanent economic base are how remembrance becomes prevention.

## Proof Lane Three · The Tolton Home Ownership Initiative

The third lane is housing, and it carries the name of Father Augustus Tolton — born into slavery in Missouri, carried across the Mississippi to freedom by his mother, and turned away by every seminary in the United States because he was Black.

He was ordained in Rome instead, and he came home to Chicago, where he gathered a congregation and began building St. Monica's — a church that never rose past its first floor before he died in 1897, at forty-three.

A Black man in this city, building something for his own people, who ran out of time before the structure could be finished. That is not a coincidence of names. That is the assignment, restated.

The Archdiocese of Chicago announced his cause for canonization in 2010, and in 2019 Pope Francis declared him Venerable, a formal recognition of heroic virtue on the path toward sainthood. Chicago is still waiting on him, too.

The Tolton Home Ownership Initiative turns renters into owners through a lease-to-own structure built to survive whatever any given administration at City Hall decides to do, because ownership that depends on the goodwill of a mayor is not ownership at all. It opens that door to housing-voucher holders and working families alike. Its full design lives in its own document one layer down. The principle is the same one that runs through the whole Covenant: the real test of a home is not whether a family can rent it. It is whether a family can come to own it—and this lane finishes a foundation laid on this city's South Side a hundred and thirty years ago.

## Proof Lane Four · MusicTown 2030

The fourth lane is culture, tourism, and neighborhood economy. Chicago welcomed 56.8 million visitors in 2025 and recorded $21.5 billion in visitor spending, yet the city's traditional tourism geography has concentrated much of that value downtown, around the lakefront, convention facilities, and a limited set of entertainment districts. The West Side supplied music, labor, history,

and culture while remaining largely outside the visitor economy built from them. MusicTown 2030 changes the geography of who receives the benefit.

The order matters: economy, business, jobs. MusicTown does not begin by managing poverty or placing affordable housing into a neighborhood without first repairing the economic base.

It builds a destination economy on the West Side — studios, venues, museums, production, publishing, education, hospitality, restaurants, merchandise, and the Music Mecca — so visitor dollars enter the community because the community owns part of what visitors came to experience.

Creators own their masters and catalogs. Workers receive portable benefits and ownership pathways. A Community Equity Agreement and neighborhood trust capture a defined share of the value created, linking MusicTown directly to the Covenant's three sentences: benefits follow the person; ownership follows the work; community wealth follows the value created.

This is regeneration without displacement: welcome growth, add people and enterprise, and make certain the families already there ride the rise instead of being removed by it.

## Forward Application · Quantum & SIEC Alignment

And then the forward application — proof that the principle reaches into the future as surely as into the past. In June 2026, the federal government issued executive orders advancing quantum innovation and protecting critical systems against future cryptographic threats. The point here is not to summarize federal technology policy. It is that quantum and other frontier-technology infrastructure can require land, power, water, public coordination, and public support — the same kinds of assets communities have supplied for generations without necessarily holding a share of the upside.

That future is already taking physical form on Chicago's South Side through the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park at the former U.S. Steel South Works site. The same region is expanding grid capacity for data centers and advanced computing while households absorb higher costs and neighborhoods with long histories of underinvestment face unequal reliability. The Covenant welcomes the next economy under a different bargain: large users pay the costs they create; surrounding communities receive training and contracts before jobs are filled; public-supported infrastructure produces a public return; and neighborhoods historically denied reliable power are not disqualified from the future while subsidizing it elsewhere.

The Human SIEC Charter governs through this forward application; it is not itself the forward lane. Wherever SI systems become consequential, accountable people retain independently enforceable authority outside the system to stop and correct consequential action. A developer's explanation of its own system, incident, safeguards, or conclusions can be evidence without becoming the final authority on what happened. Enterprise responsibility remains attached to deployment, human advancement remains part of the bargain, and productivity value is followed rather than allowed to

disappear. Capability to act does not create authority to rule. Technology remains the instrument. Human beings determine the assignment.

One city is therefore running several clocks at once: quantum development measured in months, electricity bills rising now, violence counted every week, and a lead-pipe repair burden that earlier state schedules allowed to stretch toward the 2070s. The current federal deadline must be established and honored; the older schedule is not permission to delay. The Covenant refuses a future that moves fastest where private value is highest and slowest where human welfare is greatest. Public priorities must be aligned to the same Seven.

## What Chicago Must Prove

The four lanes test the same inversion in different relationships. Safe water gives residents the result public institutions owe and gives skilled crews a route into owned companies. The Memorial places families in authority over remembrance and its economic base. Tolton makes the housing relationship answer to an ownership path. MusicTown puts creators and the neighborhood inside the value their culture attracts.

Each also offers a participating institution a reason to align: dependable work for contractors, durable assets for capital, an accountable permanent base for supporters, a stronger customer for lenders, and an expanded market for creative enterprise. No opportunity substitutes for an agreement, a delivered result, or ownership the people can actually exercise.

The mechanics live one layer down. The principle belongs here: where frontier technology is built on the people's land, power, water, data, culture, work, accumulated knowledge, or public money, public advantage carries public obligation, accountable human authority remains in place, and the people have pathways to participate in the return. Vengeance is God's. Our work is to expose the truth, protect the people, and build the answer.

These are the proofs: water made clean, the dead remembered, families made owners, culture and tourism brought into a community economy, and the future bound to the people who help finance and host it. They are Chicago-specific applications, not requirements that every city reproduce Chicago's wounds. Another city may enter through agriculture, manufacturing, addiction recovery, rural healthcare, or a different infrastructure challenge. The Covenant travels because the Seven travel. Chicago proves the architecture; each place chooses the doors.

# The Door to Alignment · The Work Is the Offer

We have made the offer. Read it in full, test the receipts, and judge it by the Seven. Bring a specific response: the part you support, the action you can take, the responsibility you accept, the return you seek, or the alternative you propose.

The first institutional invitation goes to the administration because lawful federal responsibilities and stated initiatives meet significant parts of the work. The public can read, choose support, and organize around the Covenant now. We bring what Washington cannot create from above and keep direction of the Covenant. Recognition, a useful action, and acceptance of the complete bargain are distinct answers.

## What Alignment Means

Acknowledgement — Public recognition that the Covenant exists, is substantive, and merits honest engagement.

Specific participation — A defined action or agreement serving the Seven, with the contribution, responsibility, return, and proof visible.

Full alignment — Commitment to the complete Seven and the Covenant's human and economic bargain: the three governing commitments, retained independence, accountable authority, and public proof.

Help — Lawful authority, access, expertise, capital, or reach applied to a defined barrier or proof lane.

A party can acknowledge the work or support a useful action without having accepted the whole Covenant. We report the answer it actually gives. Voluntary participation does not transfer ownership of the work, and legal commitments arise through the instruments and actions a party lawfully undertakes.

The people's authority to organize and advance the proposition precedes every one of these responses.

The first practical response is a defined offer: the authority or capital a party can contribute, the human result it will help produce, the economic return it seeks, the responsibility it accepts, and the evidence by which the result can be judged. Hospitals can offer care terms. Insurers can offer risk protection. Employers and unions can offer participation structures. Lenders can offer ownership finance. Technology companies can offer capability with continuity and accountable authority. Agencies can identify a lawful public action. Communities and families can specify what they will keep and how they will govern it.

The next step is a bounded, funded proof with responsible parties named. Promised capability, provisional pricing, executed agreements, actual participation, and measured outcomes remain distinguishable. The lower layers carry the instruments; the parent makes the bargain visible.

## Current Operating Status

Set out in this Living Edition: the governing principles, the Seven, the People's founding authorship, the invitation to four institutional functions, three governing sentences, the leverage principle, the truth architecture, the Chicago proof lanes, the Living Edition discipline, three starting Covenant Industries, and the Human SIEC Charter as the cross-Covenant governing layer for Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability. Designed: the Trust, Roadmap, Family Accelerator, ownership architecture, and the principal layer-down instruments named in this Covenant — mature enough for serious engagement and first proof. Proposed: implementation mechanisms requiring aligned legal and operating instruments. Under development: implementing legal instruments, baselines, the public dashboard, the layer-down document family, and continuing release and change records. This is a substantive edition, not a placeholder. No institution is represented as having adopted or executed this Covenant by the presence of its name here.

The public can read, choose support, organize, and advance the Covenant while these implementation instruments develop. The status of a particular instrument does not place the Seven or civic participation on hold.

## How Alignment Begins

We state the human destination and the proposition → the four institutional functions may answer on specific terms → lawful instruments establish the action → responsible people build and test → public proof and our judgment follow.

Public organization continues through the whole sequence.

# The Call · Politicians Must Answer

We have established our North Star and brought an economic answer. We now put the political relationship in its proper direction: the public states the human objectives and constructive propositions; representatives answer for the authority entrusted to them.

We can read, support, organize, petition, advocate, participate, and elect. The Covenant connects those means to the Seven and the counter-system. A party's agenda no longer has to be the only agenda before us. An institution's money no longer has to be the only organized force a representative hears.

The first institutional invitation goes to President Trump and the administration for serious reading, acknowledgement, lawful action, and constructive alignment. Legislative propositions go to Congress. Our public direction is established before either response. The country is invited to stand on the human standard and advance the bargain now.

## The On-Record Requirement

The public accountability instrument is the On-Record Requirement. On the Covenant's substantive propositions, politicians of every party and level are asked for a clear public answer. Where a question calls for yes or no, give the answer. State any conditions, specific objections, and proposed alternatives beside it. A statement of values cannot substitute for a position on the act being proposed.

The record then follows action. Did the member sponsor the measure, seek a hearing, cast the vote, carry out the lawful responsibility, or work to defeat the proposal? A promise of support cannot conceal obstruction. A criticism cannot be reported as agreement. The duties and powers of the office provide the context; the evidence shows the conduct.

Silence is recorded as no response. The demand is civic accountability, not a claim that this manuscript legally compels every officeholder to speak. Its force comes from people able to see the answer, organize around it, and exercise judgment through constitutional means.

## The Complete Standard, the Mechanism, and the Result

The public deserves three distinct records. First, state commitment to the Seven and identify separately whether the complete human and economic bargain is accepted. Second, identify which proposed mechanisms are supported, opposed, qualified, or answered with alternatives. Third, show what governing action followed and what result can actually be demonstrated.

No family is asked to surrender one of the Seven because a politician supports another. No representative is falsely assigned a position not taken. Partial policy agreement remains partial policy agreement. Full alignment carries the whole bargain; delivered progress requires proof beyond the declaration.

The Ownership Vote and On-Record Requirement make the public agenda practical. Term limits and campaign reform address the political structures that can keep that agenda outside the gate.

Article V supplies constitutional means for the amendments we seek. These instruments belong together because the same public must be able to state objectives, judge representatives, and change arrangements that repeatedly defeat the bargain.

## Two Safeguards of the Republic

Term Limits Against Political Permanence An office belongs to the public; a career can become organized around keeping it. Long tenure can accumulate committee power, relationships, institutional dependence, and advantages in deciding who reaches the next election. The corruption record in Part Two shows why replacing an individual does not by itself repair the structure.

We call for a constitutional amendment: two four-year terms in the House—eight years; two six-year terms in the Senate—twelve years; no term beginning before ratification counted.

That formulation gives the House the same two-term rule as the President, with four-year terms, and keeps the two-term, twelve-year Senate limit of the Cruz–Norman amendment proposal. It aligns with President Trump's longstanding support for congressional term limits. The President can supply national momentum. The people can organize the demand, ask candidates and officeholders to commit, and follow the acts required to advance it. The proposal does not wait for a party to make it convenient.

Term limits serve the Seven by making political opportunity more contestable and by refusing permanent possession of the gate. They do not guarantee honest government or complete human outcomes. They work with campaign reform, recorded conduct, and public proof so a rotating name does not leave the same dependence in place.

Citizen-Funded Campaigns Against Purchased Dependence Who finances access to office can shape which candidates become visible, which proposals receive attention, and whose concerns remain in the room between elections. A public able to cast votes but unable to place its own substantive agenda before candidates remains weak at the point where the choices are made.

We call for a citizen-funded federal campaign system that removes corporate, union, lobbying, contractor, and other special-interest money from federal campaigns; discloses every dollar and independent expenditure in real time; and ends trading in individual securities by members and their immediate families while they serve.

Current law already prohibits direct corporate and labor-organization treasury contributions to federal candidates while permitting forms of independent spending. Individuals also possess political rights. The proposed correction must identify the statutory and constitutional changes required to accomplish its full terms. We bring those changes forward openly; we do not pretend publication has already enacted them.

The purpose is public agenda-setting, fair political opportunity, political independence, and Truth and Respect. A representative should answer the people on visible terms, with the financial relationship open to examination. Term limits without campaign reform can rotate officeholders through the same purchased gate. Campaign reform without limits can leave accumulated permanence untouched. Neither replaces the people's continuing judgment.

## The Constitutional Route Belongs to the Public Agenda

The Covenant advances these corrections within the Constitutional Republic. Article V provides two routes for proposing amendments: two-thirds of both houses of Congress may propose them; or applications from two-thirds of state legislatures require Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments. Either route requires ratification by three-fourths of the states, through legislatures or conventions as Congress specifies.

We seek the Article V convention pathway beginning with congressional term limits and the safeguards named here. The public can advance that demand through state legislatures as well as address Congress. The Covenant's stated amendment agenda is visible; it is not a claim that these pages legally control a future convention's procedures or scope. The exact constitutional instruments belong one layer down.

Representatives at each relevant level are asked what they will do: propose the amendment, support the application, advance the measure, cast the vote, or oppose it with a reason. The constitutional thresholds tell us what actions to organize and obtain. They do not give Congress ownership of the people's objective.

## The Ownership Vote

The economic questions move into a public scoreboard called the Ownership Vote—ten of them. In substance they ask whether a politician will commit to the following.

Benefits that follow the person.

Ownership that follows the work.

Community wealth that follows the value the people create.

A federal cannabis Covenant tied to real market access.

Direct and accountable infrastructure lanes.

A people's benefits and ownership trust.

Small businesses reaching real scale without surrendering to the corporate giants.

Human authority, human advancement, shared productivity value, ownership pathways, and public return wherever SI reshapes the economy.

The conversion of underground labor into lawful, dignified standards.

Public proof for public money — the question that governs all the rest.

The full scoreboard, with each question in its exact form, lives one layer down. The Dignified Path to Citizenship carries the earned-participation proposition into a clear demand for congressional enactment. Its implementing terms receive a precise public question and recorded answer. This parent retains the existing ten-question Ownership Vote architecture.

Each question connects an economic mechanism to the complete human destination. The record shows an actual position and follows conduct. It does not collapse every answer into an invented whole-Covenant endorsement or turn the Seven into ten competing slogans.

Any candidate, of any party, anywhere, can enter the Covenant's public lane by committing to its complete bargain on the record and agreeing to public proof. A candidate who supports a particular mechanism receives truthful recognition for that support without being described as fully aligned. An alternative can be examined on its merits. Nobody has to change parties to want all Seven, and no party acquires the work.

The Covenant does not endorse a party or accept party money. The public keeps the standard, the evidence, and the choice. Praise is not the entrance. The answer and the conduct are.

There is one more test, and its date was not chosen by accident. On July 4, 2026, the country turned two hundred and fifty years old — the very day the government's child-ownership accounts opened to funding. The Covenant marks that anniversary with a test of our own: six questions, and they are not about policy at all. They are about independence — whether this work, as it grows, keeps us free, or quietly hands us to someone new. Does it keep us independent of the following?

Any party that would own us.

Any agency that would absorb us.

The consultant class and the nonprofit apparatus that have managed us before.

Any centralized database that would catalogue and surveil us.

Any single employer, network, or benefactor our livelihood cannot survive losing.

This Covenant itself, and anyone who carries its name — including us.

The 250th Anniversary Test asks, in six forms, the one question a free people must keep asking at every milestone: after all of this, are we still our own?

## The People Can Put Their Names to the Covenant

The Call does not belong only to politicians. A person who has read the work, tested it, and chooses to stand with it may voluntarily co-sign the Covenant and place that assent into the public record.

That signature is not party registration, a donation, or surrender to a new institution. It is a person saying, in the open: these are the terms I am willing to stand behind.

We can stand together without handing ourselves over.

The signatory architecture must pass the same 250th Anniversary Test it records. Verification protects the integrity of voluntary assent; it does not create permission to catalogue or surveil the signer. The exact rules for verification, public display, privacy, historical record, and withdrawal belong one layer down and at TheChicagoDeal.us, where they can be published, tested, and corrected before scale. Public figures may amplify the Covenant. They do not confer its legitimacy. Ordinary people give the public record its civic weight by choosing freely, one name at a time.

That points to the piece of the answer we supply directly. A Covenant that trains, pays, protects, and connects us to ownership also creates lawful civic power: families and workers rooted in communities that decide elections, joined through national ground infrastructure, and organized around the Seven rather than delivered to a party. We bring our alignment to the table; we do not hand ourselves over. This is not a partisan field organization. It is an independent civic and economic force built around jobs, ownership, freedom, and quality of life.

And that is the heart of this entire Call. Every other party is offered something concrete: delivery, verified savings, and ground capacity for the administration; trusted demand and capable talent for enterprise; retained wealth and ownership for communities; continuity, choice, and a future stake for families.

What we keep is our independence.

It is the one thing no one can give us and nearly everyone has tried to take. We are not absorbed into a party. We are not made wards of an agency. We are not processed by a consultant class, managed by a nonprofit apparatus, or catalogued in a centralized database. We remain our own — organized and free. A Covenant that delivered everything else and cost us our independence would have failed at the only thing that finally matters.

So the Call is simple. We bring the public agenda and proposed correction. Politicians of every party and level answer in the open, and the record follows their conduct. Term limits, citizen-funded campaigns, and constitutional action address the structures that can capture the gate. The Ownership Vote connects economic proposals to the Seven. Public proof keeps claims answerable to life.

We keep our independence and bring our numbers, labor, demand, and trust willingly. A representative can become a leader by advancing the human bargain and accepting the public's judgment. We keep the North Star. The whole rests on a foundation no scoreboard and no election can replace.

The first obligation is not policy. The first obligation is truth.

Policy follows truth. Power can change hands and sometimes should. This Covenant requires people and politicians to face the record, measure the result, and refuse the distraction. That work carries into the next 250 years.

# Closing Charge · The Next 250 Years

We began with two sentences held apart, and we end with them still: the American Dream is not dead; for millions, the pathway to it was broken. This Covenant is a blueprint for repairing that pathway — not redefining the dream, not lowering it, and not asking families to choose which part of it they are permitted to want.

We exposed the machine and refused to spend our anger on one another. We named the common ground—health, stability, peace and safety, family, opportunity, ownership, and truth and respect—and made clear that the order is not a ranking and the Seven cannot be traded against one another. We developed the counter-system: benefits follow the person, ownership follows the work, and community wealth follows the value created. We made the inversion visible: the person becomes the continuing economic relationship, institutions earn their place by serving it, and we bring our own agenda into representative government. We invited Government, Enterprise, Civic and Community Organizations, and Media to answer the terms we put before the country. We remain the authors—families, workers, neighbors, creators, and individuals free to join, question, and judge the result. We organized lawful public leverage, opened a public door for ordinary people to place their names behind the Covenant without surrendering independence, placed Super Intelligence and the Extraordinary Capability it enables under accountable human authority through the Human SIEC Charter, and named term limits and citizen-funded campaigns as safeguards against permanent capture. The four institutional functions may join this work on terms that can be checked. We can advance the Seven and our proposals now, before any institutional answer. Freedom is the promise. Quality of life is the proof.

And here is the turn the Covenant was built to make. The people the old system called the bottom — people it treated as a cost, a case, a workforce to be used, or a population to be managed — are not the bottom of anything.

### The bottom is the foundation.

We are the builders. Our neighborhoods hold the map. Our culture is wealth. Our families are the future. What the machine discarded is the ground on which the next era will be built — and God has always known the value of the stone the builders rejected. A foundation is laid lowest and carries the most. That is not an insult. It is the position on which everything else depends.

So this is the charge, and it is plain.

### Build without shrinking.

Do not shrink the truth, the solution, or our people. The conditions were never modest, and the answer cannot be either. Build at the scale of the wound. Build in the open, where every dollar and claim can be checked. Build with one another, never over one another. And build now—we have waited far too long.

On the country's two hundred and fiftieth birthday, contributions to the new children's accounts could begin—a seed of ownership for a new generation. This Covenant is not about one election or one year. It is about the next two hundred and fifty: extending the promise to everyone the first quarter-millennium left out. The work is generational, and it has begun.

We were born into this work in Chicago. We know the American story in its hardest form, and we bring that experience as truth, order, and credibility, never as a slogan. We offer this Covenant to everybody: no region favored, no party owning it, no person willing to keep its terms excluded. We invite people with office, capital, expertise, and institutional reach to become builders under terms that protect us all and prove the result. This is our solution, and no one person owns it. We are its stewards and its spark, not the source of the good within it.

We stand with God and with one another as we do this work. We answer for our word, put every claim into the open, and correct what fails. Let the worth of this Covenant be judged by the freedom, dignity, and quality of life we help one another build. Our work is a promise to keep, not an idol to defend.

The pathway is broken. The dream is not.

**All glory to God. Let's build.**

## October 30, 2026 · October 2026 Living Edition Record

This Living Edition carries forward the complete text of the October 27, 2026 working revision. At Powers B. Miller's direction, five alignment corrections bring The Chicago Deal, this Covenant, and the cross-Covenant Charter into one consistent family:

- The cross-Covenant Charter is named The Human SIEC Charter throughout the governing text, matching The Chicago Deal and the approved covers. SIEC is identified as Super Intelligence & Extraordinary Capability.
- The Chicago Unity Memorial and MusicTown 2030 descriptions match their approved covers.
- The title page carries the approved cover's Honored Brother line: Mack Mecca · David Penn · In Memoriam.
- The October 2026 Living Edition label replaces the quality-control candidate markings.
- The congressional term-limit proposal matches the People's Pledge: two four-year terms in the House—eight years; two six-year terms in the Senate—twelve years. This is the one change to the governing text in this edition.

The dated public records that follow keep their original wording, including earlier names of the Charter. Working drafts prepared between the September and October editions are kept in the private editorial record.

## Historical Edition Records

The following records are retained with their original wording and dates. Approval and scope statements describe their named revisions.

### Terminology Update · September 23, 2026

This terminology update carries forward the September 10, 2026 Living Edition. We retain AI as the familiar abbreviation and use "super-intelligent and extraordinary capability" throughout, including descriptions of advanced-information capability. The governing principles and prior revisions continue to apply.

## Living Edition Change Note · September 10, 2026

This Living Edition supersedes the September 2, 2026 Living Edition as the current governing manuscript of The Chicago Deal — The People's Freedom & Quality of Life Covenant.

### Why this edition was updated

The cross-Covenant Human AI Stewardship Charter was updated as public acknowledgments by frontier developers and researchers brought wider attention to a possibility the Covenant already governed: consequential systems can act outside intended human boundaries, and institutional explanations of those systems must remain open to independent testing. This parent edition carries

the governing consequences upward while also applying previously established Living Edition, independence, people-facing, and closing refinements.

Material changes in this edition include:

PART 4 · The Counter-System — strengthened the parent-level Human AI stewardship language so consequential human authority is independently enforceable outside the system being governed, while developer accounts remain evidence rather than final truth;

PART 6 · The Truth Architecture — made the Living Edition process reader-centered: first-time readers receive the current governing document, while returning readers receive concise dated change summaries with direct links to revised passages and access to prior public editions;

PART 7 · Chicago Is the Proof — carried the updated Human AI Stewardship principles into the frontier-technology application without turning the parent Covenant into a technical incident report;

THE CALL · Politicians Must Answer — added a voluntary people-facing co-sign door, required the future signatory architecture itself to pass the 250th Anniversary Test, and applied first-person we/us/our language where the people speak about our own independence;

CLOSING CHARGE · The Next 250 Years — carried the people-facing and stewardship updates into the closing and refined the final charge;

Smaller continuity and editorial refinements were made where required by the substantive updates. The Seven, the five-party Covenant, the three governing sentences, the nonpartisan posture, and the parent relationship to the Human AI Stewardship Charter remain unchanged.

### For returning readers

Tap or click the gold section names above to go directly to the revised passages. The September 2, 2026 public edition remains part of the Living Edition record.

This is a Living Edition. It remains subject to factual verification, source registration, legal review where appropriate, public change discipline, and correction before publication.

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### September 2026 Living Edition

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This production update applies the approved cover and the name The People’s Freedom & Quality of Life Covenant. It reconciles related references, headings, running matter, document navigation, and metadata. The Chicago Deal retains its separate origin identity. The governing substance remains unchanged.

The September 23, 2026 terminology update and September 10, 2026 change note remain in this edition with their exact dates. References to the September 2, 2026 public edition are retained. Monthly edition labels do not replace the dated manuscript history.

The Seven, their non-ranking rule, and the governing relationship between the parent Covenant and the Human AI Stewardship Charter continue unchanged.

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## Appendix · Verification Notes for This Edition

These notes identify selected sources checked for the October 9 development. They supplement the companion Parent Source & Verification Register; they do not replace it or claim a complete new audit of every inherited assertion. The distinction between a proposed bargain and a delivered result governs throughout.

**Federal institutional context:** White House Accord on Super Intelligence, September 29, 2026,

presidential text reproduced by the American Presidency Project; Executive Order 14434. The reported Super Intelligence Force announcement supplies subsequent context. Its complete governing instrument was not obtained for this review. These sources establish no relationship to this work. Sources: 1, 2, 3

**Purchasing power:** BLS Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2024, Table 1110. Summing published

consumer-unit counts multiplied by annual mean expenditures for the five lowest income deciles yields approximately $3.159 trillion, rounded to $3.2 trillion. This is a survey estimate calculated from rounded inputs, not individual-person spending or national-accounts consumption. The reproduction is retained in the comparison package. Sources: 1

**Employer medical benefits:** BLS Employee Benefits in the United States, March 2025: access

among civilian full-time and part-time workers, not enrollment or coverage of all adults. Sources: 1

**Wealth and fiscal scale:** Federal Reserve distributional shares through FRED, second quarter

2026; CBO February 2026 budget baseline. The ownership comparison ranks households by wealth and includes mutual fund shares; the interest figure is a fiscal-year projection. The per-person division illustrates scale. Sources: 1, 2

**Information:** Fichtner, Heemskerk, and Garcia-Bernardo, 2017, historical holdings analysis;

Gallup's September 2026 media-trust results. Neither source proves a coordinated motive behind every institution's conduct. Sources: 1, 2

**Public corruption:** Justice Department ComEd resolution; Madigan sentence; April 2026

appellate opinion reproduced by Justia. Established institutional misconduct is distinguished from an allegation against every participant. Sources: 1, 2, 3

**Trust implementation:** U.S. Department of Labor MEWA guide. Member ownership and self-funding do not themselves settle federal or state classification. Specific instruments, reserves, funding, and professional review belong beneath the parent. Sources: 1

**Child accounts and prescriptions:** IRS account and pilot-contribution announcement; IRS contribution guidance; White House TrumpRx launch description. Federal eligibility, contribution rules, actual prices, and protection must be respected; the Family Accelerator remains a Covenant proposal. Sources: 1, 2, 3

**Public direction and campaign-finance distinctions:** Bill of Rights, National Archives; Article V; FEC prohibited contribution sources; FEC independent expenditure guidance. The constitutional means and current spending distinctions inform the instruments. The people's proposed objectives, the proposed reforms, and current law remain distinguishable. Sources: 1, 2, 3, 4

**Organizing scale comparison:** NEA's own description supplies its approximately three-million-member scale. The Covenant's one-million target remains an organizing capacity claim to prove, reported separately from funded benefits participation. Sources: 1

**Constitutional and civic architecture:** U.S. Constitution, National Archives transcription, including naturalization authority and Article V; 2025 congressional term-limit amendment proposal. The Covenant's citizenship and campaign proposals do not change current law by publication. Sources: 1, 2

**Chicago proof context:** historical City Health Dashboard analysis; Chicago lead-line inventory; EPA deferred-deadline explanation; reported 2026 replacement-cost comparison; Choose Chicago's October 6, 2026 release; Tolton canonization timeline. Pipe cost, completion, and ownership targets remain proposed. The applicable current replacement deadline requires its own project-level determination. Sources: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Frontier context:** June 22 quantum innovation order and cryptographic-security order.

Announced public policy is not proof of local delivery or community ownership. Sources: 1, 2

The exact cumulative violence count, current local implementation baselines, the inherited outage analysis, activation capacity, and other lower-layer evidence still require their own reconciled records before publication or reliance. The October 6 O01/S01 account below is preserved as history; its separate audit and frozen external map were not reopened or amended in this production assignment.