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Common Sense For Oregon Litigation

By Ross Day, Executive Director and General Counsel

Over the past couple of months, the pages of the Common Sense For Oregon E-newsletter have described our efforts at restoring some common sense in Oregon's government through the initiative process and other forms of advocacy.

One aspect of Common Sense For Oregon has not received nearly as much of a spot light, but accomplishes just as much change. Through the Common Sense For Oregon Foundation, Common Sense fights for common sense in another arena – Oregon's court system.

The fact is that Common Sense For Oregon is a unique organization because we can fight for common sense on several fronts: at the Oregon Legislature, on the Oregon ballot, and in Oregon's courts.

In less than a year, Common Sense For Oregon has taken a number of cases to court, fighting for common sense. When former state senator Margaret Carter created a job, and then lobbied to get the job (at a cost of \$121,000 to the taxpayers), it was Common Sense For Oregon that stepped in and filed a lawsuit in Marion County Circuit Court to defend the interests of the taxpayers and uphold the Oregon

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When the Oregon Legislature voted to shut down the Oregon School for the Blind, leaving many blind students in the lurch, it was Common Sense For Oregon that stepped up and represented the students to make sure their educational needs were still being met.

And when the city of Newberg refused to allow citizens to circulate a petition that would have required a vote of the citizens on new tax and fee increases, it was Common Sense For Oregon that stepped up and filed a lawsuit on behalf of those citizens.

Common Sense For Oregon is comprised of two non-profit organizations. We are funded entirely by private donations made by folks such as yourself. Without your support, we cannot continue on the fight on so many fronts.

Please consider making a donation to Common Sense For Oregon either by joining the "Dollar-a-Month" club or by making a one-time gift.

Remember, without your support, there won't be any Common Sense in Oregon.

Common Sense at CPAC

By Teresa Lucas, Community Outreach Coordinator

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In this picture: Teresa Lucas of Common Sense For Oregon catches up with fellow YAF alum Hannah Giles of ACORN exposé infamy at CPAC 2010

Every year thousands of conservatives from across the country and abroad gather in Washington D.C. at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference. This year hosted more than 10,000 attendees who listened to speakers in the main hall, panels in break-out sessions, visited the booths in the exhibit hall, and mingled with like-minded activists.

The resounding message of the conservative movement was “move over big government spending!” Attendees and speakers focused primarily on the issue of outrageous and excessive government spending and waste. In a time where our economy is on the rocks, limiting economic freedoms and increasing government spending has been outlined as the worst possible solution according to conservative leaders.

We say, that 's just common sense.

Upcoming Events

Catch Common Sense For Oregon at one of these upcoming events!

-Oregon Campaign Institute

8am-5pm, this Friday and Saturday, Keizer Renaissance Inn

-Dorchester Conference

March 5-7th in the exhibit hall, Seaside Convention Center

-Oregon Coalitions in Action Statewide Convention

March 13th, Aldersgate Conference Center in Turner

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