## Tulsi Gabbard Is Linked To Troubled GOP Finance Operative Implicated In George Santos Campaign And Other Scandals

**SUMMARY:** President-elect Donald Trump has <u>selected</u> former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard to be Director of National Intelligence. Although Gabbard "<u>hasn't held any senior government roles</u>," she would oversee <u>18 intelligence agencies</u>, including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Security Agency (NSA).

Trump's own former National Security Adviser John Bolton has called Gabbard a "<u>serious threat to national</u> <u>security</u>" due to her embrace of Russian propaganda, demanding an FBI investigation into her before she has a confirmation hearing. Notably, the DNI played a "<u>key role</u>" in combatting Russian, Chinese, and Iranian misinformation efforts during the last election.

Accountable.US has found that Gabbard leads two non-profit groups deeply tied to a notorious Republican campaign finance operative Thomas Datwyler, who "<u>has a long history of running roughshod over federal campaign finance law</u>." This includes serving as <u>"shadow treasurer</u>" for disgraced Rep. George Santos (R-NY), as treasurer for a group central in the Trump campaign's <u>"secret</u>" funding of Arizona's election audit, and as treasurer to a group tied to a <u>suspicious legal defense fund</u> that benefited former Trump Chief of Staff Mark Meadows.

- Gabbard is the <u>president</u> of We Must Protect, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that appears to have gotten <u>all of its funding</u> through government grants or contributions in its most recent tax filing—it is not known which government grants, if any, We Must Protect has taken. The group also has a 501(c)(4) called the <u>We Must Protect Action Fund</u>.
- Thomas Datwyler, a Republican campaign finance operative who "<u>has a long history of running</u> <u>roughshod over federal campaign finance law</u>," has appeared as <u>treasurer and bookkeeper</u> in We Must Protect's most recent tax filing and as "<u>principal officer</u>" for We Must Protect Action Fund.
- Datwyler was "<u>shadow treasurer</u>" for disgraced Congressman George Santos (R-NY), whose "<u>major</u> <u>backers</u>" included a foreign national and the cousin of a sanctioned Russian oligarch before Datwyler became affiliated with the campaign.
- Datwyler has also been treasurer for a group central in the Trump campaign's "<u>secret</u>" 2021 funding of Arizona's discredited election "<u>audit</u>" and a group that dissolved shortly after taking <u>\$1 million for a suspicious legal defense fund</u> that benefited former Trump Chief of Staff Mark Meadows. Datwyler <u>dodged</u> questions about the legal group's tax status when reporters requested its tax filings.
- Datwyler has also been accused of using the name of a <u>deceased treasurer</u> to skirt state campaign finance laws, "<u>accused of wire fraud</u>," failing to report <u>contributions</u> and <u>ad spending</u>, and has been under a <u>criminal campaign finance investigation</u> in Mississippi.

In addition, Accountable.US found that two Datwyler-linked 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations apparently made illegal contributions to Datwyler-administracted PACs. The watchdog organization Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) <u>alleged</u> that Datwyler's 501(c)(4) appeared to have acted as a straw donor for the defunct cryptocurrency exchange FTX.

Trump's Director Of National Intelligence Pick Tulsi Gabbard—Called A "'Serious Threat To National Security'" Due To Her Support For Russia—Recently Founded Two Tax-Exempt Groups, One Of Which Disclosed That All Of Its 2023 Funding Came From Government Grants Or Contributions...

<u>Trump Has Picked Former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) To Be Director Of National</u> <u>Intelligence (DNI), Where She Would Oversee 18 Intelligence Agencies, Including</u> <u>The CIA And The NSA, Despite Her Never Holding Any Senior Government Roles</u>

Former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard Is President-Elect Trump's Pick To Be Director Of National Intelligence (DNI), A "Powerful Position That Sits Atop The Nation's Spy Agencies And Acts As The President's Top Intelligence Adviser." "President-elect Donald Trump has tapped former Democratic Rep. Tulsi Gabbard to be the next director of national intelligence, a powerful position that sits atop the nation's spy agencies and acts as the president's top intelligence adviser." [Associated Press, <u>11/13/24</u>]

Gabbard, Who Has Not Held Any Senior Government Roles, Would Oversee 18 Intelligence Agencies, Including The CIA And The NSA. "Unlike past directors, she hasn't held any senior government roles." [Associated Press, <u>11/13/24</u>]

 "If Confirmed As Director Of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard Would Oversee 18 Intelligence Organizations Including The CIA And NSA." [PBS NewsHour, <u>11/14/24</u>]

**Gabbard Was In The U.S. House From 2013 To 2021 And Unsuccessfully Ran For The Democratic Presidential Nomination In 2020.** "GABBARD, Tulsi, a Representative from Hawaii; born in Leloaloa, American Samoa, April 12, 1981; B.S.B.A., Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2009; member of the Hawaii state house of representatives, 2002-2004; Hawaii Army National Guard, 2003-2020; United States Army Reserve, 2020-present; staff, Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka of Hawaii; member of the Honolulu, Hawaii, city council, 2010-2012; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Thirteenth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2013-January 3, 2021); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress in 2020, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States." [Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, accessed <u>11/19/24</u>]

<u>Trump's Former National Security Adviser John Bolton Has Called On The FBI To</u> <u>Investigate Gabbard Before Her Confirmation, Citing "'The Russian Propaganda</u> <u>That She Has Espoused'" And Calling Her A "'Serious Threat To National</u> <u>Security'"—Meanwhile, The DNI Has Played A "Key Role" In Combatting</u> <u>Russian, Chinese, And Iranian Misinformation Efforts In The 2024 Election Cycle</u>

Trump's Former National Security Adviser John Bolton Said That Gabbard Should Be Investigated By The FBI Before Their Confirmation Hearings, Saying, "Given The Russian Propaganda That She Has Espoused Over The Past Period Of Time, I Think She's A Serious Threat To Our National Security." "Former national security adviser John Bolton said Wednesday that former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii) and Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) — President-elect Trump's nominees for director of national intelligence and attorney general, respectively — should not appear for their Senate confirmation hearings until they are investigated by the FBI. [...] When Burman clarified, asking whether Bolton was calling for Gabbard to be investigated, Bolton said, 'I think so,' adding, 'Given the Russian propaganda that she has espoused over the past period of time, I think she's a serious threat to our national security." [The Hill, <u>11/13/24</u>] During The 2024 Election Cycle, The DNI "Played A Key Role In The Government's Efforts To Identify And Expose Efforts By Russia, China And Iran To Spread False And Misleading Claims About Voting And Democracy." "The office played a key role in the government's efforts to identify and expose efforts by Russia, China and Iran to spread false and misleading claims about voting and democracy ahead of last week's U.S. election. Other divisions focus on cyberthreats, counterterrorism and counterespionage." [Associated Press, <u>11/13/24</u>]

## Tulsi Gabbard Is The President Of We Must Protect, A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization That Appears To Have Gotten All Of Its Funding Through Government Grants Or Contributions In Its Most Recent Tax Filing—The Group Also Has A 501(c)(4) Called The We Must Protect Action Fund

Tulsi Gabbard Is The President Of We Must Protect, A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization Formed In 2021 That Claims To "Engage In Research And Public Education For The Benefit Of Those Vulnerable Populations In Our Community That Deserve To Be Honored And Cared For":

| A | For the 2023 calend     | lar year, or tax year beginning, and ending                                |            |                                  |
|---|-------------------------|--|------------|----------------------------------|
| в | Check if applicable:    | C Name of organization   |            | D Employer identification number |
| X | Address change          |  |            |                                  |
| Н | Name change             | WE MUST PROTECT  |            | 86-1735485                       |
| П | Initial return          | Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite | E Telephone number               |
|   | Final return/terminated | PO BOX 75255   |            | 540-450-8777                     |
| П | Amended return          | City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code   |            | F Group Exemption                |
| П | Application pending     | KAPOLEI HI 96707   |            | Number                           |

[We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24]

| Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | (a) Name and title | (b) Average<br>hours per week<br>devoted to position |  |  |  |  |  |
| TULSI  | GABBARD            | 5,00   |  |  |  |  |  |

[We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24]

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 ENGAGE IN RESEARCH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT DESERVE TO BE HONORED AND CARED FOR.

[We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24]

- We Must Protect Was Incorporated In Delaware On January 27, 2021. [Hawaii Attorney General, 01/27/21]
- We Must Protect Was Certified As A 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organization On January 24, 2022. [Hawaii Attorney General, <u>01/24/22</u>]

We Must Protect's \$127,913 In Total Revenue For 2023 Appears To Have Come Entirely From Government Grants Or Contributions:

| 1 1 |   | - |         |
|-----|---|---|---------|
| 2   | <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 | 9 | 127,913 |
|     |   |   |         |

## [We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24]

#### Schedule A, Part II, Line 1(e)

| Description                        | Amount   |    |
|------------------------------------|----------|----|
| GOVERNMENT GRANTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS | \$ 127,9 | 13 |
| TOTAL                              | \$ 127,9 | 13 |

[We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24]

#### We Must Protect Only Received \$2,501 In Gifts, Grants, Or Contributions In 2022:

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)  | <b>(a)</b> 2019 | <b>(b)</b> 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | <b>(f)</b> Total |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|
| <ol> <li>Gifts, grants, contributions, and<br/>membership fees received. (Do not<br/>include any "unusual grants.")</li> </ol> |                 |                 |          | 2,501    | 127,913  | 130,41           |
|  |                 |                 |          | 2,501    | 127,913  | 130,41           |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the<br>organization's benefit and either paid<br>to or expended on its behalf                        |                 |                 |          |          |          |                  |
| 3 The value of services or facilities<br>furnished by a governmental unit to the<br>organization without charge                |                 |                 |          |          |          |                  |
| 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3   |                 |                 |          | 2,501    | 127,913  | 130,41           |

[We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24]

We Must Protect Also Has A 501(c)(4) Called The We Must Protect Action Fund, Which Was Granted Tax-Exempt Status On October 3, 2022. [Determination Letter, Internal Revenue Service, <u>10/03/22</u>]

• Tulsi Gabbard Has Been Listed As The Fund's Principal Officer:

#### Tax Year 2021 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

| Tax Period:  | Mailing Address:                      |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2021 (01/01/2021-12/31/2021)                                 | 911312 Keoneula Blvd Unit 206         |
| EIN:<br>86-1761846<br>Organization Name (Doing Business as): | Ewa Beach, HI 96706                   |
| EIN:   | United States                         |
| 86-1761846   |                                       |
|  | Principal Officer's Name and Address: |
| Organization Name (Doing Business as):                       | Tulsi Gabbard                         |
| WE MUST PROTECT ACTION FUND                                  | 911312 Keoneula Blvd Unit 206         |
| WE MUST PROTECT ACTION FUND                                  | Ewa Beach, HI 96706                   |
|  | United States                         |
|  |                                       |

[Search for We Must Protect Action Fund, Internal Revenue Service, accessed 2/5/25]

• We Must Protect Action Fund Has Not Raised Over \$50,000 In Its First Three Tax Years:

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

| ×      | Tax Year 2023 Form 990-N (e-Postcard) |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| ~      | Tax Year 2022 Form 990-N (e-Postcard) |
| $\sim$ | Tax Year 2021 Form 990-N (e-Postcard) |

[Search for We Must Protect Action Fund, Internal Revenue Service, accessed 11/20/24]

...The Groups Are Tied To Republican Finance Operative Thomas Datwyler, Who "'Has A Long History Of Running Roughshod Over Federal Campaign Finance Law'" And Was A "'Shadow Treasurer'" For Disgraced Rep. George Santos (R-NY), A Treasurer To A Group Secretly Funneling Money To Arizona's Discredited Election "Audit," And A Treasurer To A Legal Fund To Help Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows

# Thomas Datwyler Is We Must Protect's Treasurer And Bookkeeper And The Principal Officer Of The We Must Protect Action Fund

We Must Protect's Treasurer And Bookkeeper Is Thomas Datwyler, Who First Appeared In The Group's 2023 Tax Filing:

| THOMAS DATWYLER |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| TREASURER       | 1.00  |
|                 | · · · |

[We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24]

| 42a | 2a The organization's books are in care of THOMAS DATWYLER    |    |
|-----|---|----|
|     | 502 6TH ST  |    |
|     | Located at HUDSON   | WI |
|     | [We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 10/22/24] |    |

 Datwyler Did Not Appear On We Must Protect's First Tax Filing, For 2022. [We Must Protect IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2022, <u>05/02/23</u>]

Datwyler Has Also Been Listed As The Principal Officer For The We Must Protect Action Fund, A 501(c)(4):

#### Tax Year 2023 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Tax Period: 2023 (01/01/2023-12/31/2023)

EIN: 86-1761846

Organization Name (Doing Business as): WE MUST PROTECT ACTION FUND

#### Principal Officer's Name and Address:

Thomas Datwyler 502 6th St Hudson, WI 54016 United States

Mailing Address:

PO Box 1401 Honolulu, HI 96807

United States

[Search for We Must Protect Action Fund, Internal Revenue Service, accessed 11/20/24]

## <u>Thomas Datwyler Also Runs An Accounting Firm Called 9Seven Consulting That</u> <u>Administers GOP-Aligned PACs And Republican Congressional Campaigns</u>

Thomas Datwyler Is The Founder Of 9Seven Consulting.



9Seven Consulting's Services Include Campaign Finance Compliance.



[9Seven Consulting, accessed 2/5/25]

**2022: 9Seven Consulting Was Acquired By Axiom Strategies LLC.** "Kansas City-based Axiom Strategies LLC, the largest U.S. Republican consulting firm, wrapped up its second acquisition within about a week. Axiom announced Wednesday that it acquired 9Seven Consulting, a political compliance firm specializing in federal and state reporting, compliance, accounting and treasury services, according to a release." [Kansas City Business Journal, 9/8/22]

 AxCapital Combined 9Seven Consulting And HenryAlan. "The creation of AxCapital brings together two of the leading political compliance firms in the nation. Founded in 2015, HenryAlan has grown rapidly, currently filing more than 1,000 state and federal campaign finance reports a cycle for federal and statewide candidates and officeholders across the country. 9Seven Consulting was founded in 2013 and has extensive experience in campaign finance, compliance and accounting for all types of races and PACs up-and-down the ballot throughout the U.S. In 2022, they filed over 2,500 reports with the Federal Election Commission and dozens of states. Together, both companies bring an edge to political compliance with their undoubted ability to fix their clients' problems no matter how big or how small, keep their finances in order and maintain top-notch compliance. AxCapital will only strengthen and grow in its compliance capabilities, making it the top republican political compliance firm in the country." [AxCapital, accessed 7/26/24]

## **Datwyler Is The Treasurer For Over 380 Committees And Groups**

## As Of February 2025, Thomas Datwyler Was The Treasurer For Over 380 Committees.

| Committees                         | Export 🛃            |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
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| 2023-2024 x "datwyler, thomas" x   |                     |
| [FEC, Committees, accessed 2/5/25] |                     |

## Datwyler Was The Treasurer For Jim Jordan For Congress.

| Name –                  | Committee ID | Treasurer –      | Туре — | Designation –                | Registration <b>\u00e7</b><br>date |   |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| JIM JORDAN FOR CONGRESS | C00416594    | DATWYLER, THOMAS | House  | Principal campaign committee | 2005-11-08                         | 0 |  |  |
| [FEC, accessed 2/5/25]  |              |                  |        |                              |                                    |   |  |  |

## Datwyler Was The Treasurer For Mike Lee Victory Fund And Friends Of Mike Lee Inc.

| Name –                  | Committee ID | Treasurer –      | Туре —             | Designation –                | Registration <b>T</b> |   |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| MIKE LEE VICTORY FUND   | C00767368    | DATWYLER, THOMAS | PAC - Nonqualified | Joint fundraising committee  | 2021-01-25            | C |
| FRIENDS OF MIKE LEE INC | C00473827    | DATWYLER, THOMAS | Senate             | Principal campaign committee | 2010-01-19            | 0 |

[FEC, accessed 2/5/25]

## Datwyler Was The Treasurer For McCormick Victory Fund And Friends Of McCormick.

| Name –                 | Committee ID | Treasurer –      | Туре —             | Designation –                | Registration <b>T</b><br>date |   |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| MCCORMICK VICTORY FUND | C00828202    | DATWYLER, THOMAS | PAC - Nonqualified | Joint fundraising committee  | 2022-11-10                    | 0 |
| FRIENDS OF MCCORMICK   | C00706747    | DATWYLER, THOMAS | House              | Principal campaign committee | 2019-05-16                    | 0 |

[FEC, accessed 2/5/25]

Datwyler Was The Treasurer For Lindell Legal Offense Fund, Inc. [9Seven Consulting, accessed 2/5/25]

## Datwyler Has "A Long History Of Running Roughshod Over Federal Campaign Finance Law"...

**Datwyler "Has A Track Record Of Violating Federal Election Commission Rules, According To The Agency."** "Jul. 7—The individual listed as the treasurer of 'Dan Cox for U.S. Congress' — a political action committee connected to a mysterious candidate filing in Cox's name — has a track record of violating Federal Election Commission rules, according to the agency. Thomas Datwyler is a compliance consultant whose address is recorded on FEC forms as a P.O. box in Hudson, Wisconsin." [Yahoo! Finance, <u>07/07/23]</u>

A Campaign Finance Complaint Against Datwyler Claimed He "'Has A Long History Of Running Roughshod Over Federal Campaign Finance Law And The Regulations Of The FEC." "Datwyler has a long history of running roughshod over federal campaign finance law and the regulations of the FEC, where he has repeatedly filed or caused to be filed false reports with the [FEC]," the complaint reads." [The Hill, 07/26/24]

**Datwyler "Has Headed Up The Financial Operations Of Dozens Of Republican Candidates And Political Committees.** "The Conservative Nevada Leadership PAC (CNLP) demanded the Justice Department investigate Thomas Datwyler, who has headed up the financial operations of dozens of Republican candidates and political committees in recent cycles." [The Hill, <u>07/26/24</u>]

## ...Datwyler Was "Shadow Treasurer" For Disgraced Congressman George Santos (R-NY), Whose "Major Backers" Included A Foreign National And The Cousin Of A Sanctioned Russian Oligarch Before Datwyler Became Affiliated With The Campaign...

Thomas Datwyler Was "'Shadow Treasurer'" For Disgraced Congressman George Santos' (R-NY) Reelection Campaign, Despite Datwyler "Previously Disavowing His Involvement To The Federal Election Commission (FEC)." "Datwyler acted as a 'shadow treasurer' for Santos's brief reelection bid, despite previously disavowing his involvement to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the media." [The Hill, <u>07/26/24</u>]

Datwyler "Played A Mysterious Role In The George Santos Scandal," When He Was "Briefly Listed As The Treasurer For Mr. Santos's Campaign" In January 2023 After Santos "First Came Under Scrutiny For His Widespread Fabrications." "A veteran political operative who played a mysterious role in the George Santos scandal now appears to be spearheading a newly formed super PAC that is supporting Ron DeSantis in Iowa. The new super PAC, set up amid turmoil in the network of outside organizations supporting Mr. DeSantis's presidential campaign, lists Thomas Datwyler as its treasurer. Mr. Datwyler was also briefly listed as the treasurer for Mr. Santos's campaign after the Republican congressman first came under scrutiny for his widespread fabrications." [The New York Times, <u>12/18/23</u>]

- Datwyler Began Appearing As Treasurer In Santos' Campaign Filings In January 2023. "As the complaint alleges, prior to January 25, 2023, Nancy Marks served as treasurer of each of the committees. She resigned from her positions that day. The committees then identified Thomas Datwyler as their respective treasurer in filings with the FEC ostensibly signed by Mr. Datwyler. In a series of letters from Mr. Datwyler's counsel to the FEC on January 27, 2023, Mr. Datwyler stated that, contrary to the committees' representations to the FEC, he was not the treasurer of any of these committees and that he did not sign nor cause the filings." [Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington, 05/25/23]
- Although Datwyler Tried To Distance Himself From The Santos Campaign, Reporting Showed That "Datwyler Came Up With A Plan To Supervise And Oversee The Santos Campaign Filings Using The Name Of An Associate, Rather Than His Own, To Avoid Blowback From Being Associated With The Controversial Congressman." "The arrangement made headlines when Mr. Datwyler's lawyer sent a letter to the F.E.C., accusing Mr. Santos of listing him in the role without his permission. Mr. Datwyler 'would not be taking over as treasurer,' the lawyer, Derek Ross, wrote, adding that there appeared to be 'some disconnect.' Then followed a head-spinning sequence of events in

which Mr. Santos listed a new, previously unknown treasurer, leading to speculation that this person might not be real, but another alter ego of the congressman's. Mr. Santos has denied such claims, and has argued that Mr. Datwyler came up with a plan to supervise and oversee the Santos campaign filings using the name of an associate, rather than his own, to avoid blowback from being associated with the controversial congressman. Reporting by The Daily Beast supported Mr. Santos's account, leading to a notable reversal: Mr. Datwyler's own lawyer, Mr. Ross, wrote to the F.E.C. to retract his earlier letter." [The New York Times, <u>12/18/23</u>]

Before Datwyler Became Associated With The Santos Campaign, Its "Major Backers" Included "The Cousin Of A Sanctioned Russian Oligarch" And An Italian National Who "Pleaded Guilty To Smuggling Undocumented Migrants Into The U.S." And Had A Variety Of Other Serious Convictions—It Is Illegal To Accept Campaign Contributions From Foreign Nationals. "Santos' major backers include a migrant smuggler, an unlikely Trump donor, the cousin of a sanctioned Russian oligarch and a convicted felon. A controversial donor, who along with his apparent domestic partner gave a combined \$34,500 to Santos, is Andrew Intrater, the CEO of a company which once had ties to a sanctioned Russian oligarch Intrater is the CEO of Sparrow Capital — an investment firm formerly known as Columbus Nova. [...] Meanwhile, Rocco Oppedisano's family was visibly involved with Santos's campaign. Reportedly an Italian national, the 54-year-old, donated \$500 to a victory committee benefiting Santos' campaign in September according to FEC records. That donation to the son of Brazilian immigrants who campaigned as tough on immigration, drew attention after the Daily Beast reported that Oppedisano's court records show his criminal record also includes convictions for grand larceny, DWIs, and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon." [CBS News, 01/13/23]

 "Accepting Donations From Foreign Nationals Who Are Not Legal Residents Of The U.S. Is A Crime Under The Federal Election Campaign Act." "Brett Kappel, an attorney with Harmon Curran, told CBS News that accepting donations from foreign nationals who are not legal residents of the U.S. is a crime under the Federal Election Campaign Act." [CBS News, 01/13/23]

## ...Datwyler Has Also Been Treasurer For A Group Central In The Trump Campaign's "Secret" 2021 Funding Of Arizona's Discredited Election "Audit" And A Group That Dissolved Shortly After Taking \$1 Million For A Legal Defense Fund That Benefited Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows...

**Datwyler Was The Treasurer Of The American Voting Rights Foundation (AVRF), Which Was Central In The Trump Campaign's "Secret" 2021 Donation To Fund Arizona's Discredited Election "Audit."** "Ten days later, on 26 July 2021, Trump's Save America Pac made its \$1m transfer to CPI, according to Federal Election Commission records. Two days after that, on 28 July, a new group called the American Voting Rights Foundation (AVRF) was registered as a corporation in Delaware. Tax filings obtained recently show that CPI in turn gave \$1m to AVRF in 2021 – the only known donation that the group has ever received. [...] The final stage in the money's journey was from AVRF to Cyber Ninjas and the audit itself. The same day that AVRF was registered in Delaware – 28 July 2021 – Mitchell sent an email connecting the Cyber Ninjas CEO Logan, together with the spokesman of the audit Randy Pullen, to AVRF's treasurer, Tom Datwyler." [The Guardian, 01/27/23]

 Headline: Revealed: Trump secretly donated \$1m to discredited Arizona election 'audit' [The Guardian, 01/27/23]

Datwyler Was Also Treasurer Of The Constitutional Rights Defense Fund, Which Dissolved Shortly After Taking Over \$1 Million From A Legal Defense Fund That Benefited Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows. "Another C.P.I. operation, not previously reported, took place in 2022. That year, the group established Personnel Policy Operations, a nonprofit set up to 'educate and defend conservative, America First civil servants and their advisers.' The mission included helping to fund the legal defense of individuals subjected to a 'Leftist purge,' including Mr. Meadows. C.P.I. contributed \$1.15 million to the legal defense fund, and in turn the defense fund issued a single grant, totaling \$1.13 million, to a newly formed company called the Constitutional Rights Defense Fund. A year later, the company dissolved. The treasurer of the defunct company, Thomas Datwyler, had performed the same function for the shell company that donated \$1 million to the Arizona audit a year earlier." [The New York Times, <u>02/20/24</u>]

 Mark Meadows "Was Intimately Involved" In Trump's Final Months In Office, While Trump "Tried To Cast The 2020 Elections As Fraudulent." "As chief of staff, Meadows was intimately involved in the former president's communications and actions in his final months in office, as Trump tried to cast the 2020 elections as fraudulent." [PBS NewsHour, <u>06/17/22</u>]

When Asked About The Grant To Constitutional Rights Defense Fund, Datwyler Claimed "'CDRF Is A Corporation" When Denying Reporters Access To Tax Filings, Although It Was Listed As A Non-Profit Organization In A Filing From its Donor. "That disclosure showed Personnel Policy Operations gave the \$1.13 million grant to Constitutional Rights Defense Fund, which has no presence online. On its tax forms, Personnel Policy Operations listed Constitutional Rights Defense Fund as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit, a type of group that is required by law to fill out similar disclosures. NOTUS contacted a representative for Constitutional Rights Defense Fund, and thus, its tax documents are not open for public inspection. When asked why Constitutional Rights Defense Fund appeared on Personnel Policy Operations' form as a nonprofit and filed forms as if it were a nonprofit the following year, Datwyler said that the group is a 'nonprofit organization' that filed a corporate income tax return. He did not respond to further questions." [NOTUS, <u>07/03/24</u>]

## ...Datwyler Has Also Been Accused Of Using The Name Of A Deceased Treasurer And Failing To Report Contributions And Ad Spending, And Was Under Criminal Campaign Finance Investigation In Mississippi...

May 2024: Thomas Datwyler Was Accused Of Using The Name Of A Deceased Treasurer To Falsely Perform The Role Of Treasurer For A Republican Primary Challenger To Rep. Bob Good (R-VA). "The Republican candidate seeking to oust Freedom Caucus Chairman Bob Good (R-VA) could face an investigation over allegations he listed a deceased person as his campaign treasurer to approve finance reports. [...] The letter points to an email address listed under Clemens's name in the statement of organization that appears to belong to Thomas Datwyler, who is from Wisconsin. However, Hardin argues, state law dictates that a campaign treasurer must be a registered voter of the state, which would be a 'separate violation of the law' aside from listing a deceased treasurer. 'Given that Mr. Clemens continued to be listed as treasurer for months after his death, it raises the question whether Mr. Datwyler was performing the role of treasurer, perhaps before and after Mr. Clemens' death,' Hardin wrote." [The Washington Examiner, <u>05/08/24</u>]

June 2024: Thomas Datwyler Was "Accused Of Wire Fraud" In A Complaint To The U.S. Justice Department By The Conservative Nevada Leadership PAC (CNLP). "A conservative political treasurer associated with former Rep. George Santos's (R-N.Y.) campaign was accused of wire fraud by a GOP super PAC in Nevada, according to a Justice Department complaint. The Conservative Nevada Leadership PAC (CNLP) demanded the Justice Department investigate Thomas Datwyler, who has headed up the financial operations of dozens of Republican candidates and political committees in recent cycles." [The Hill, 07/26/24]

• CNLP "Accused Datwyler Of Using Its Funds To Write A \$500 Check After He Stepped Down As Its Treasurer." "CNLP, a fundraising group formed to back GOP primary Senate candidate Jim Marchant, accused Datwyler of using its funds to write a \$500 check after he stepped down as its treasurer." [The Hill, 07/26/24]

**December 2023: The FEC Found Datwyler "Hadn't Properly Reported \$147,601 In Contributions To Failed Senate Candidate Josh Mandel."** "The Badger State native has also run into repeated trouble with the FEC. Last December, the electoral overseer found Datwyler hadn't properly reported \$147,601 in contributions to failed Senate candidate Josh Mandel. Mandel's team explicitly blamed Datwyler for the violations." [The Daily Beast, <u>10/19/23</u>]

The FEC Has "Whacked Datwyler For Missteps With A Number Of Other Clients, Including Rep. Rick McCormick (R-GA), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL), And Extremist MAGA Candidate Joe Kent." "The FEC has also whacked Datwyler for missteps with a number of other clients, including Rep. Rick McCormick (R-GA), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL), and extremist MAGA candidate Joe Kent." [The Daily Beast, 10/19/23]

Datwayler Has Faced Complaints From Abortion Rights Group EMILY's List "For Failing To Report Ad Spending In An Arizona House Race." "In April, the Democratic-affiliated abortion rights group EMILY's List called on the FEC to investigate Datwyler for failing to report ad spending in an Arizona House race." [The Hill, 07/26/24]

Datwyler Has Been "Under Criminal Investigation In Mississippi, With State Prosecutors Alleging He May Have Broken State Campaign Finance Law While Backing A Republican Lieutenant Governor Primary Campaign." "Datwyler is already under criminal investigation in Mississippi, with state prosecutors alleging he may have broken state campaign finance law while backing a Republican lieutenant governor primary campaign in the state with his own super PAC." [The Hill, 07/26/24]

## ...A GOP Super PAC Accused Datwyler Of Wire Fraud In A Justice Department Complaint...

The Conservative Nevada Leadership PAC (CNLP) Asked The Justice Department To Investigate Datwyler, Accusing Him Of Wire Fraud. "A conservative political treasurer associated with former Rep. George Santos's (R-N.Y.) campaign was accused of wire fraud by a GOP super PAC in Nevada, according to a Justice Department complaint. The Conservative Nevada Leadership PAC (CNLP) demanded the Justice Department investigate Thomas Datwyler, who has headed up the financial operations of dozens of Republican candidates and political committees in recent cycles." [The Hill, 7/26/24]

**CNLP Accused Datwyler Of Writing His Firm A \$500 Check After He Had Stepped Down As Treasurer Of The PAC.** "CNLP, a fundraising group formed to back GOP primary Senate candidate Jim Marchant, accused Datwyler of using its funds to write a \$500 check after he stepped down as its treasurer. [...] According to the complaint, dated Friday, CNLP raised no money while Datwyler was its treasurer, between June and November of last year. The group received its first donation of \$5,000 in December, after Datwyler had stepped down, though the group claims Datwyler wrote a check in February to his political compliance firm from the PAC's account for \$500." [The Hill, <u>7/26/24</u>]

**The Attorney Involved Accused Datwyler Of Having A Reputation For Skirting Campaign Finance Law.** "The Nevada complaint was written by Dan Backer, himself a veteran GOP political attorney and consultant. 'This is the most glaring and recent example of a pattern of misconduct spanning years,' said Backer, who accused Datwyler of having a reputation for skirting campaign finance law. 'Multiple campaigns have expressed concerns and frustrations.'" [The Hill, 7/26/24]

## ...Datwyler Served As The Treasurer To Rep. Andy Ogles's Campaign, Which Is Currently Being Investigated For Fraud By Federal Authorities

July 2024: The FBI Launched A Fraud Investigation Into U.S. Representative Andy Ogles's Mistakes On His Financial Forms After Campaign Treasurer Datwyler Was Previously Alerted Of Incorrect Amended Quarterly Reports. "U.S. Rep. Andy Ogles confirmed Tuesday the FBI is conducting a fraud investigation into his campaign finances. [...] Ogles acknowledged media reports about 'mistakes' his campaign made on its first financial filings with the Federal Election Commission and said in the post he has 'worked diligently' with lawyers and experts to correct errors and comply with federal requirements. [...] The agency notified Ogles' treasurer, Thomas Datwyler, last summer that a detailed summary page of the congressman's amended April and July quarterly reports appeared to be incorrect and violate federal campaign finance regulations." [Tennessee Lookout, <u>8/6/24</u>]

January 2025: Federal Prosecutors Withdrew From The Federal Criminal Investigation Of Ogles's Campaign, Signaling Plans That The Trump DOJ May Drop Its Investigation Of The President's Ally. "Federal prosecutors based in Nashville have withdrawn from the criminal investigation of Tennessee Congressman Andy Ogles, an unprecedented move that could signal plans by the Trump administration to drop the case against a Republican ally." [News Channel 5, <u>1/31/25</u>]

**The House Committee On Ethics Continues To Investigate Rep. Ogles, As Of January 2, 2025.** "On August 2, 2024, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Andy Ogles. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A), 17A(c)(1), and 17A(j), the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided on November 18, 2024, to extend the Committee's review of the matter. In order to gather additional information necessary to complete its review, the Committee will review the matter pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a)." [House Committee on Ethics, <u>1/2/25</u>]

# Two Datwyler-Linked 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organizations Apparently Made Illegal Contributions To Datwyler-Administered PACs In Recent Years

## <u>The Datwyler-Run Nonprofit Farashgard Foundation Appeared To Make Multiple</u> <u>Contributions To Datwyler-Administered PACs</u>

2022: Farashgard Foundation Was A Tax-Exempt 501(c)(3) Whose Principal Officer Was Thomas Datwyler.

| A For the 2022 c   | alendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022 , and ending                                       | 12-31     | -2022 |                   |  |          |
|--|---|-----------|-------|-------------------|--|----------|
| <ul> <li>B Check if applicable:</li> <li>Address change</li> <li>Name change</li> </ul>          | C Name of organization<br>FARASHGARD FOUNDATION INC   |           |       |                   | D Employer identification number<br>84-3228330 |          |
| O Initial return   | Doing business as   |           |       |                   |  |          |
| <ul> <li>Final return/terminated</li> <li>Amended return</li> <li>Application pending</li> </ul> | Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Ro<br>502 6TH STREET   | oom/suite | e     |                   | E Telephone number<br>(715) 338-8544           |          |
| _  | City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code<br>HUDSON, WI 54016      |           |       |                   | <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 583                 | ,500     |
|  | F Name and address of principal officer:<br>THOMAS DATWYLER<br>502 6TH STREET<br>HUDSON, WI 54016 |           | H(b)  | suboro<br>Are all | a group return for<br>linates?<br>subordinates | □Yes ☑No |
| I Tax-exempt status:   | ✓ 501(c)(3) □ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) □ 4947(a)(1) or □ 5                                       | 527       |       |                   | " attach a list. See in                        |          |
|  | [Farashgard Foundation, Form  | n 990     |       |                   |  |          |

## • Thomas Datwyler Was One Of Only Two Directors Of The Farashgard Foundation.

| (A)<br>Name and title            | <b>(B)</b><br>Average<br>hours per<br>week (list                   | (C)<br>Position (do not check more than<br>one box, unless person is both an<br>officer and a director/trustee) |                           |         |              | an                              | (D)<br>Reportable<br>compensation<br>from the | (E)<br>Reportable<br>compensation<br>from related | other   |  |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
|                                  | any hours<br>for related<br>organizations<br>below dotted<br>line) | Individual trustee<br>or director   | Institutional<br>Trustee; | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated<br>employee | Former  | organization<br>(W-2/1099-<br>MISC/1099-<br>NEC)  | organizations<br>(W-2/1099-<br>MISC/1099-<br>NEC) | compensation<br>from the<br>organization<br>and related<br>organizations |
| (1) MITRA JASHNI<br>EXECUTIVE DI |  | x   |                           | x       |              |                                 |   | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| (2) THOMAS DATWYLER<br>TREASURER | 1.00   | x   |                           | x       |              |                                 |   | 27,349  | 0   | 0  |

[Farashgard Foundation, Form 990, 2022]

## Farashgard Foundation Contributed \$8,000 To Iranian Americans For Constitution And Iranian Americans For Peace.

| Contributor name      | Recipient                          | Receipt<br>date <b>T</b> | Amount –   |   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---|
| FARASHGARD FOUNDATION | IRANIAN AMERICANS FOR CONSTITUTION | 01/04/2024               | \$500.00   | 0 |
| FARASHGARD FOUNDATION | IRANIAN AMERICANS FOR CONSTITUTION | 06/29/2023               | \$2,500.00 | 0 |
| FARASHGARD FOUNDATION | IRANIAN AMERICANS FOR PEACE        | 06/13/2023               | \$2,500.00 | 0 |
| FARASHGARD FOUNDATION | IRANIAN AMERICANS FOR CONSTITUTION | 06/12/2023               | \$2,500.00 | 0 |

[FEC, accessed 2/5/25]

## Datwyler Was The Treasurer For Iranian Americans For Constitution.

#### **Committee information**

| Committee name:               | IRANIAN AMERICANS FOR<br>CONSTITUTION                    |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Mailing address:              | PO BOX 183<br>HUDSON, WI 54016                           |
| Treasurer:                    | DATWYLER, THOMAS   |
| Committee type:               | PAC - Nonqualified                                       |
| Committee<br>designation:     | Unauthorized   |
| Statement of<br>organization: | Current version (PDF)<br>FEC-1499250<br>Filed 02/09/2021 |

[FEC, filed 2/9/21]

#### Datwyler Was The Treasurer For Iranian Americans For Peace.

| Committee name:  | IRANIAN AMERICANS FOR PEACE |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mailing address: | PO BOX 183                  |
|                  | HUDSON, WI 54016            |
| Treasurer:       | DATWYLER, THOMAS            |
| Committee type:  | Super PAC (Independent      |
|                  | Expenditure-Only)           |
| Committee        | Unauthorized                |
| designation:     |                             |
| Statement of     | Current version (PDF)       |
| organization:    | FEC-1499249                 |
|                  | Filed 02/09/2021            |
|                  | [FEC, filed <u>2/9/21]</u>  |

Committee information

## <u>The Datwyler-Run Nonprofit Green Dragon Society Made A Contribution To The</u> <u>Datwyler-Administered Liberty Champions</u>

#### Thomas Datwyler Is The Treasurer And Director Of Green Dragon Society.

| First Name: THOMAS             | Last Name: DATWYLER                | Title: TREAS/DIRECTOR |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mailing Address: PO BOX 183    | City: HUDSON                       |                       |
| State (or Province): WISCONSIN | Zip Code (or Foreign Postal Code): | 54016                 |

[Green Dragon Society, Form 1023, 7/24/23]

#### • Green Dragon Society Applied For 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Status.

| Form <b>1023</b>   | Application for Recognition of Exem   |                      |                | OMB No. 1545-0047         |  |  |
|--|---|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| (Rev. January 2020)  | Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Re  |                      | ublia          | Note: If exempt status is |  |  |
| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service         Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.         approved, this approved, the security numbers on the latest information. |   |                      |                |                           |  |  |
| Use the "?" buttons through<br>Account Services toll-free a  | out this form for help in completing this application. For addit<br>t 1-877-829-5500. | tional help, call IR | S Exempt O     | rganizations Customer     |  |  |
|  |   |                      |                |                           |  |  |
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| If you cannot complete required documents.   | ired responses within the textbox limits throughout this form,                        | , upload your add    | itional narrat | lives with the other      |  |  |
| If you cannot complete requ<br>required documents.<br>Part I Identification  | ired responses within the textbox limits throughout this form,                        |                      | itional narrat |                           |  |  |
| If you cannot complete required documents. Part I Identification   | ired responses within the textbox limits throughout this form,<br>of Applicant        | b Care of            | 1              |                           |  |  |

[Green Dragon Society, Form 1023, 7/24/23]

## 2023: Green Dragon Society Contributed \$2,500 To Liberty Champions.

| Contributor name     | ontributor name Recipient |            | Amount –   | _ |  |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---|--|
| GREEN DRAGON SOCIETY | LIBERTY CHAMPIONS         | 10/13/2023 | \$2,500.00 | C |  |

## [FEC, accessed 2/5/25]

| 2022: Datwyler Was The Treasurer An | d Contact For Liberty Champions. |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|

| Liberty Champior                                      | IS   |
|---|--|
|   |  |
| ADDRESS (number and street)                           | PO Box 183   |
| (Check if address is changed)                         |  |
|   | Hudson     WI     54016       CITY▲     STATE▲     ZIP CODE▲                         |
| COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRE                              |  |
| <ul> <li>(Check if address<br/>is changed)</li> </ul> | tcdatwyler@gmail.com   |
|   | Optional Second E-Mail Address   |
|   |  |
|   | atement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete. |
| e or Print Name of Treasurer Da                       | twyler, Thomas, , ,  |
| nature of Treasurer                                   | omas, , , // [Electronically Filed] Date 09 23 2022                                  |
|   | [FEC, Liberty Champions, filed <u>9/23/22]</u>                                       |

# Datwyler's 501(c)(4) Great America Coalition Appears To Have Acted As A

# Straw Donor For The Defunct Cryptocurrency Exchange FTX

## Datwyler Was The Principal Officer For Great America Coalition, Which Passed \$460,000 To The Datwyler-Controlled PAC Liberty Champions

Datwyler Was The Principal Officer For Great America Coalition, A Group That Appeared To Have No Website Or Activity Outside Of Its Singular Donations

### 2022: Datwyler Was The Principal Officer For Great America Coalition.

| <ul> <li>A For the 2022 c</li> <li>B Check if applicable:</li> <li>Address change</li> <li>Name change</li> </ul> | alendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022 , and endi<br>C Name of organization<br>GREAT AMERICA COALITION<br>Doing business as | ng 12-31 | 1-2022 | D Employer identifie<br>82-5099085             | cation number        |
|---|---|----------|--------|--|----------------------|
| <ul> <li>Initial return</li> <li>Final return/terminated</li> </ul>   |   |          |        |  |                      |
| <ul> <li>Amended return</li> <li>Application pending</li> </ul>   | 499 S CAPITOL STREET SW 405   | Room/sui | ite    | E Telephone number<br>(715) 338-8544           |                      |
|   | City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20003                                       |          |        | G Gross receipts \$ 1,7                        | 787,439              |
|   | F Name and address of principal officer:<br>THOMAS C DATWYLER<br>499 S CAPITOL ST SW 405<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20003                    |          | subord | a group return for<br>linates?<br>subordinates | □Yes ☑No<br>□Yes □No |
|   | [Great America Coalition, E   | orm 99   |        |  |                      |

### Great America Coalition Has No Website.

#### J Website: 🕨

#### [Great America Coalition, Form 990, 2022]

#### Great America Coalition's Only Grant Was To Liberty Champions.

| Part 11 Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed. |  |                                    |                             |  |   |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| (a) Name and address of<br>organization<br>or government   | <b>(b)</b> EIN   | (c) IRC section<br>(if applicable) | (d) Amount of cash<br>grant | (e) Amount of non-<br>cash<br>assistance | (f) Method of valuation<br>(book, FMV, appraisal,<br>other) | (g) Description of noncash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant<br>or assistance |  |
| (1) LIBERTY CHAMPIONS<br>PO BOX 183<br>HUDSON, WI 54016  | 86-3353056   | N/A                                | 460,000                     |  |   |                                       | GENERAL                               |  |
| 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table  |  |                                    |                             |  |   |                                       |                                       |  |
| 3 Enter total number of other  | 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table   |                                    |                             |  |   |                                       |                                       |  |
| For Paperwork Reduction Act Notic  | or Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990. Cat. No. 50055P Schedule I (Form 990) 2022 |                                    |                             |  |   |                                       |                                       |  |

[Great America Coalition, Form 990, 2022]

## Great America Coalition Reported Making A \$460,000 Contribution To Liberty Champions, Where Datwyler Served As Treasurer

#### 2022: Great America Coalition Reported A \$460,000 Contribution To Liberty Champions.

Part 11 Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| <ul> <li>(a) Name and address of<br/>organization<br/>or government</li> </ul> | <b>(b)</b> EIN | (c) IRC section<br>(if applicable) | (d) Amount of cash<br>grant | (e) Amount of non-<br>cash<br>assistance | (f) Method of valuation<br>(book, FMV, appraisal,<br>other) | (g) Description of<br>noncash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant<br>or assistance |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| (1) LIBERTY CHAMPIONS<br>PO BOX 183<br>HUDSON, WI 54016                        | 86-3353056     | N/A                                | 460,000                     |  |   |  | GENERAL                               |

[Great America Coalition, Form 990, 2022]

### 2022: "Great American Coalition" Gave \$310,000 To Liberty Champions.

| GREAT AMERICAN COALITION | LIBERTY CHAMPIONS | DC | 10/31/2022 | \$25,000.00  | 0 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----|------------|--------------|---|
| GREAT AMERICAN COALITION | LIBERTY CHAMPIONS | DC | 10/18/2022 | \$140,000.00 | 0 |
| GREAT AMERICAN COALITION | LIBERTY CHAMPIONS | DC | 08/24/2022 | \$100,000.00 | 0 |
| GREAT AMERICAN COALITION | LIBERTY CHAMPIONS | DC | 06/27/2022 | \$45,000.00  | 0 |

[FEC, accessed 6/20/24]

#### 2024: "Great American Coalition" Gave \$500 To Liberty Champions.

| GREAT AMERICAN COALITION | LIBERTY CHAMPIONS | 03/17/2024 | \$500.00 | C |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|---|
|                          |                   |            |          |   |

[FEC, accessed 6/20/24]

## 2022: Datwyler Served As Treasurer Of Liberty Champions.

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

| Type or Print Name of Treasurer | Datwyler, Thomas, , , |                        |      |         |    |      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------|---------|----|------|
| Signature of Treasurer          | r, Thomas, , ,        | [Electronically Filed] | Date | 09<br>/ | 23 | 2022 |

[FEC, Liberty Champions, filed 9/23/22]

## Sam Bankman-Fried's Defunct Cryptocurrency Exchange FTX May Have Passed Money Through Great America Coalition To Liberty Champions

**FTX Made A \$100,000 Contribution To A 501(c)(4) Named Liberty Champions.** "According to the trial evidence, FTX made contributions to nonprofits associated with four other members of Congress on the same day, including \$100,000 to a section 501(c)(4) 'social welfare' organization—a type of tax-exempt organization commonly associated with dark money because they can spend money influencing elections without disclosing their donors—called Liberty Champions that supported a member with the last name Lee." [Citizens For Responsibility And Ethics In Washington, <u>11/14/23</u>]

There Is No Evidence Of A 501(c)(4) Named Liberty Champions. "Except there are no public records available that indicate there is actually a nonprofit that goes by the name Liberty Champions. The IRS's searchable databases for tax-exempt organizations do not contain an entry for the group, and a search of business records via the website OpenCorporates also comes up empty." [Citizens For Responsibility And Ethics In Washington, <u>11/14/23</u>]

Just Days After FTX Made Its Contribution, Great America Coalition Donated The Same Amount To Liberty Champions. "There is, however, a federally-registered super PAC called Liberty Champions that spent more than \$1.6 million on independent expenditures supporting Sen. Lee in his 2022 Senate reelection effort. The super PAC did not report receiving any contributions from FTX, Bankman-Fried, or any of the individuals whose contributions are covered in the trial evidence. But it did report receiving \$100,000 from an apparent nonprofit group just a few days after FTX is said to have sent the same amount to Liberty Champions." [Citizens For Responsibility And Ethics In Washington, <u>11/14/23</u>]

**CREW: The Donation May Have Been Funneled Through Great America Coalition.** "In a FEC filing, Liberty Champions reported that it received \$100,000 on August 24, 2022 from an entity called Great American Coalition with an address in southwest Washington, DC. As with Liberty Champions, there are no currently available public records indicating that a company or nonprofit called Great American Coalition exists, but there is a little-known nonprofit with a nearly identical name—Great America Coalition—that uses the same address that Liberty Champions listed for Great American Coalition in its FEC reports. Great America Coalition also has significant ties to the Liberty Champions super PAC. The treasurer of Liberty Champions is Thomas Datwyler, a Republican compliance professional who is currently experiencing notoriety due to his complicated working relationship with Santos." [Citizens For Responsibility And Ethics In Washington, <u>11/14/23</u>]

## **Great America Coalition Donated To Another Datwyler-Administered PAC**

2020: Datwyler Was The Custodian Of Records For Bless Your Heart Coalition.

#### **1. BLESS YOUR HEART COALITION**

499 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET SW SUITE 405 WASHINGTON, DC 20003 Email: TCDATWYLER@GMAIL.COM

2. Date: 06/25/2020

3. FEC Committee ID #: Coo749697

This committee is an independent expenditure-only political committee (Super PAC).

Affiliated Committees/Organizations
NONE
,\_\_\_\_

**Custodian of Records:** THOMAS DATWYLER 499 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET SW SUITE 405 WASHINGTON, DC 20003 Title: TREASURER Phone # (715) 238-8544

[FEC, dated 6/25/20]

## Great America Coalition Reported A \$31,000 Donation To Bless Your Heart Coalition.

|                                     | 02-2034002  |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Return<br>Reference                 | Explanation   |
| FORM 990-<br>EZ, PART I,<br>LINE 10 | NAME: BLESS YOUR HEART COALITION ADDRESS: 499 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET SW 407 WASHINGTON, DC 20003 CASH CONTRIBUTION: 31,000 NAME: DOGWOOD COALITION ADDRESS: 1122 OBERLIN ROAD SUITE 214 RALEIGH, NC 27605 CASH CONTRIBUTION: 37,400 |
| FORM 990-<br>EZ, PART I,<br>LINE 16 | EXPENSES BANK FEES 72 REFUND 20,000 TOTAL 20,072  |

### [Great America Coalition, Form 990, 2020]

## FEC Records Indicated Bless Your Heart Coalition Only Reported Receiving \$25,000 From Great America Coalition.

| Contributor name        | Recipient                  | State | Employer | Receipt<br>date | Amount –    |   |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------------|---|
| GREAT AMERICA COALITION | BLESS YOUR HEART COALITION | DC    |          | 07/01/2020      | \$25,000.00 | 0 |

[FEC, accessed 2/5/25]

###