On May 4, The Heartland Institute formally dedicated the Michael Parry Mazur Library at The Heartland Institute. For me personally, it was a capstone of more than 40 years of research and learning. For Heartland, it was a clarion call to the world that the ideas of liberty will not be lost during our watch.

**Literature Is Our Legacy**

Ronald Reagan frequently reminded audiences that “freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on [to our children] for them to do the same.”

Preserving the literature of liberty – the finest work of the greatest minds who understood the power of ideas and in particular of one idea, freedom – is an important way to perform our...
patriotic duty to future generations. It stands shoulder-to-shoulder with other forms of activism yet is easily overlooked.

**Why Not Just Google It?**

In this digital era, an iPad or Kindle is a portal to more research and commentary than any physical library can hold. It is easy to jump to the conclusion that books and libraries are obsolete. Indeed, many libraries are downsizing their collections of books or no longer stocking new titles.

I’m a big fan of the Internet. The Heartland Institute was the second “think tank” in the country to have a website when the World Wide Web was first created ... the Hoover Institution beat us by only a month or two, but when ours launched it had pictures and theirs didn’t!

Every Heartland publication is available digitally, usually before physical copies are released. Heartland’s websites – 18 of them in total – have massive content, more than the sites of nearly any other think tank. PolicyBot, our online search engine and database, alone has some 32,000 documents offering free-market solutions to social and economic issues. Our YouTube channel has nearly 1,000 videos.

A physical library is no substitute for all this, but it can be a valuable addition. So much research and commentary is now available online that the good stuff – reliable, accurate, and often profound – is difficult to find. The sheer volume of content makes the writing of even the greatest thinkers and scholars disappear behind a fog of blogposts and ephemeral opinion pieces.

A physical library, in contrast, can be curated, putting in one place the books written, say, by prominent libertarians. Seeing the works of Frédéric Bastiat alongside those of David Boaz and James M.. Buchanan and realizing the continuity of their thought is an entirely different intellectual experience than “Googling” their names.

Similarly, putting in one place all of the best books on free-market solutions to, say, protecting the environment, is a huge benefit to students and scholars. Walk down the “environment” aisle of Heartland’s new library and you will see the books written by Terry Anderson, John Baden, and Robert L. Bradley, Jr., side-by-side, ready to be opened and read. The odds of finding and reading the good stuff, and not just propaganda, are vastly better in our library than online.

**Down the Memory Hole**

George Orwell warned us, in his 1949 novel titled 1984, of how totalitarian regimes could exercise control over their citizens by making news of past events and articles about forbidden ideas disappear “down the memory hole.” The Party’s Ministry of Truth would frequently edit, revise, or simply destroy documents that contradicted its propaganda.

The Internet makes it easier for governments and their allies to do this. The results of Google searches increasingly show evidence of bias and behind-the-scenes manipulation. Websites and articles expressing conservative and libertarian ideas appear only after page after page of politically correct sites and blogposts, making them unlikely to be seen by all but the most determined searcher.

Facebook and even Twitter appear to be succumbing to the same pressure to conform to the political creed of the current occupant of the White House.

Digital documents are easily edited or deleted. Probably the most tragic example of this is Wikipedia, the self-described “people’s encyclopedia.” Thousands of its entries – particularly profiles of organizations and individuals and articles about climate change – have been rewritten to reflect a pervasive left-wing bias.

Unlike web entries, printed books cannot easily be altered. They can be bought and burned to keep people from reading them, but some copies of the original books will remain in the hands of people who keep them in a safe place where others can read and learn from them.

A library provides one more thing the Internet cannot: a safe physical space where students, scholars, and concerned citizens can come together to study, learn, and discuss the ideas that have made America so exceptional.
As Virginia Woolfe put it back in 1929, creative thought and true discovery require having “a room of one’s own,” a private place free from peer pressure and government interference, where a person is free to think and explore and write.

Heartland’s Library
One way to protect the literature of liberty is to donate books to The Heartland Institute or help us acquire them. Here, they will be kept safe and made available to scholars, students, and the general public for many, many years to come.

The library now holds nearly 10,000 books on American history, economics, education, environment issues, health care policy, law, libertarianism, philosophy, and other topics. Our new permanent home in Arlington Heights has room for at least 20,000 volumes.

The family of Michael Parry Mazur made a generous donation to the library, and in return we named the library in his honor. Dr. Mazur was a staff economist at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Washington, DC serving under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. He passed away in 1987.

Public Access
A catalogue of books in Heartland’s library is available online at www.heartland.org/library. We have posted on the site and will regularly update a “wish list” of books we wish we had but do not.

The library is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no admission fee, but visitors are asked to call first. The library is not, at this time, a lending library. Duplicate copies of some books in the collection are available for sale.

If you have books or a whole library you need to part with as you “downsize” or experience some other change in life, please consider donating them to The Heartland Institute. We will make sure the books are properly handled and used by scholars and the next generation of freedom fighters. Please turn to page 18 for more information about donating books or making a financial contribution earmarked for the library.

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Why build a library devoted to liberty? Because freedom is first and foremost an idea, not a social or political movement. That idea is contained in literature – the literature of liberty – and it must be read and understood in order to endure the changing politics and fads of the day.

We must persuade the next generation of civic and political leaders that preserving freedom is the only valid duty of government, and capitalism is the only social order discovered by man that leads to peace, justice, and prosperity. A physical library ensures that the literature of liberty cannot be stolen or hidden from future generations.

Building a library isn’t all that needs to be done to preserve freedom, not by a long shot. But it’s a key part of ensuring our success. I hope you agree and will join us in this noble effort.

Joseph L. Bast (jbast@heartland.org) is president of The Heartland Institute. His personal collection of more than 3,000 books now resides at the Michael Parry Mazur Library.

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By the Numbers

During the first quarter of 2016, The Heartland Institute ...

► Dedicated the Michael Parry Mazur Memorial Library, a growing collection of nearly 10,000 books and journals.

► Contacted elected officials 257,637 times, including 5,727 one-on-one contacts by phone, email, or in person.

► Generated at least 70 broadcast, 719 online, and 148 print media hits reaching 21.6 million subscribers.


► Released one books, one booklet, one Heartland Policy Study, one Heartland Policy Brief, and 62 Research & Commentaries.

► Added 60 interviews to podcasts, attracting 278,017 listeners.

► Added 275 blog posts to Somewhat Reasonable.

► Addressed 34 events with audiences totaling at least 5,159 people.

► Generated at least six broadcast, 75 online, and 15 print media hits reaching more than 3.9 million people.

► Produced 13 new podcasts on budget and tax issues, attracting 40,647 listeners.

Center on Climate and Environmental Policy

► Distributed Why Scientists Disagree about Global Warming, Nothing to Fear, and testimony by Dr. John Christy.

► Published three issues of Environment & Climate News, 11 issues of Climate Change Weekly, and eight Research & Commentaries on environment and energy issues.

► Logged 1,424 personal and 99,179 group contacts for a total of 100,603 contacts with legislators on energy and environment issues.

► Generated at least 44 broadcast, 449 online, and 92 print media hits reaching nearly 14.1 million people on energy and environment issues.

► Produced 28 new podcasts on energy, environment, and climate issues, attracting 67,342 listeners.

► Addressed 18 events with audiences totaling at least 3,200 people.

► Added 108 blog posts on energy and environment issues to Somewhat Reasonable.

Center on Budgets and Taxes

► Published three issues of Budget & Tax News and 16 Research & Commentaries on budget and tax issues.

► Logged 1,452 personal and 89,283 group contacts for a total of 90,735 contacts with legislators on budget and tax issues.

► Testified four times in Alabama, Maryland, Missouri, and Nebraska, addressing civil asset forfeiture, right-to-work laws, and welfare reform.

► Generated at least 44 broadcast, 449 online, and 92 print media hits reaching nearly 14.1 million people on energy and environment issues.

► Produced 28 new podcasts on energy, environment, and climate issues, attracting 67,342 listeners.

► Addressed 18 events with audiences totaling at least 3,200 people.

► Added 108 blog posts on energy and environment issues to Somewhat Reasonable.

Consumers for Health Care Choices

► Published 13 issues of Consumer Power Report and 17 Research & Commentaries on health care issues.

► Logged 1,145 personal and 25,988 group contacts for a total of 27,133 contacts with legislators on health care issues.

► Generated at least four broadcast, 41 online, and 11 print media hits reaching more than 583,000 people.
Produced five new podcasts on health care issues, attracting 34,685 listeners.
Addressed four events with audiences totaling at least 225 people.

Center for Constitutional Reform
Made more than 1,700 contacts with allies in the constitutional reform movement.
Logged 577 personal and 10,837 group contacts for a total of 11,414 contacts with legislators on constitutional reform issues.
Produced five new podcasts on constitutional reform issues.
Generated at least one broadcast, 26 online, and two print media hits reaching more than 285,500 people.
Cosponsored an event for Wyoming legislators and hosted one in Arlington Heights about simulating an Article V convention.

Center for Transforming Education
Issued 306 tweets from the @usconstreform Twitter account.

New from The Heartland Institute: Merchants of Despair

There was a time when humanity looked in the mirror and saw something precious, worth protecting and fighting for. But now we are beset on all sides by propaganda promoting a radically different viewpoint: the notion that human beings are a cancer upon the Earth endangering the natural order.

In Merchants of Despair, Robert Zubrin, Ph.D. combines riveting tales from history with powerful policy arguments, refuting modern tirades against nuclear power, pesticides, population growth, biotech foods, resource depletion, industrial development, and, most recently, fear-mongering about global warming.

Order online at store.heartland.org or Amazon.com, or snap the QR code below.

Robert Zubrin is the author of numerous books, including Energy Victory and The Case for Mars, a bestseller on space exploration and the human future. He is president of Pioneer Astronautics, a fellow of the Center for Security Policy, founder of the Mars Society, and a contributing editor to The New Atlantis.
Hard Work on Right to Work

The Heartland Institute continued to educate state and federal lawmakers about how right-to-work laws benefit not just business owners or workers, but everyone in states enacting these labor reforms. Years of hard work on the issue paid off in February and March when West Virginia lawmakers approved a bill freeing workers from compulsory union membership in their workplaces and then overrode the governor’s veto of that measure.

A majority of Americans now live in states with right-to-work laws, and a majority of states now have right-to-work laws on the books.

In a Budget & Tax News article published in January, West Virginia Senate President Bill Cole talked about the legislation, saying he was tired of his state losing economically. “When you’re first in unemployment, last in workforce participation, and next-to-last in average pay, what are we trying to protect?” Cole said.

Right-to-work reform efforts spread to New Mexico in January, where Gov. Susana Martinez announced her plan to revive right-to-work legislation. Richard Vedder, a Heartland policy advisor and professor of economics at Ohio University, told Budget & Tax News, “I think people are voting with their feet to not be members of a union. They are just saying ‘no’ to unions.”

In January, government relations staff sent 140 Kentucky lawmakers a Research & Commentary on right to work. Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans reported empirical data show right to work boosts states’ economies and increases prosperity for everyone. On March 17, The Leaflet, Heartland’s weekly e-newsletter sent to more than 9,000 state and local elected officials and allies, noted, “Right-to-work laws provide liberty to workers, create new jobs, and foster economic and population growth.”

Reforming Public Pensions

Heartland alerted local, state, and federal lawmakers to the looming problem of public pension debt and educated lawmakers on how best to solve the problem.

In early January, nearly 200 lawmakers in Virginia received Glans’ Research & Commentary on pension reform. “In the short term, per-year pension pay-outs should be capped, the retirement age should be raised, double-dipping and benefit spiking should be eliminated, realistic rate of return assumptions should be used, and pension systems should be protected from borrowing and fund raids,” Glans wrote. “In the long term, pension fund sustainability will require governments to follow the private sector’s lead and switch workers from defined-benefit pension systems to defined-contribution systems.”

A January Budget & Tax News article reported on a Virginia lawmaker who’s determined to leave a legacy of public pension reform. Virginia State Del. William Howell told Budget & Tax News he wants to help protect the interests of government employees, so promises made to them now can be kept later.

Arizona adopted a major reform in February when Gov. Doug Ducey signed into law a bill overhauling the state’s Public Safety Personnel Retirement System and providing a stepping-stone for more reforms. The reform moves newly hired public employees to a defined-contribution pension plan, a change projected to save state taxpayers $1.5 billion.
over the next 30 years. A proposition on the May 17 election ballot will ask voters to approve further reforms.

**Making Welfare Work**

Heartland’s government relations and editorial staff worked with lawmakers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and other states to help reform entitlement programs to encourage recipients to return to the workplace instead of remaining dependent on the government welfare system.

An Alabama lawmaker crafted a reform proposal to help families become self-sufficient again after years of dependency on taxpayers for food assistance. State Government Relations Manager Logan Pike testified in support of the bill in March. In a *Research & Commentary*, Pike reported the bill would lower the cumulative amount of cash assistance an individual may receive from welfare programs and enact better incentives for returning to work.

Heartland also worked with the Mississippi Center for Public Policy and lawmakers in Mississippi on welfare reform in that state. In an op-ed published in the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* in January, Pike and Government Relations Director John Nothdurft noted, “One of the most important ways governments can work with people to escape poverty is by helping them obtain work.”

In a *Research & Commentary* published in January, Glans and Pike noted, “Mississippi maintains the highest recommended limit of lifetime eligibility for individuals and families, 60 months, under the 1996 welfare reform law. In recent years, many states have adopted policies limiting access to certain welfare programs to less than 60 months, because five years of dependence on welfare can ingrain habits and lifestyles that make it very difficult to achieve self-sufficiency.”

Heartland also helped lawmakers advance entitlement reform in Georgia, where lawmakers are working to discourage welfare fraud. One bill, which classifies welfare fraud as a Title 16 offense, passed the Georgia House of Representatives 140–26. “Now when somebody is thinking about applying for welfare benefits falsely, they will see welfare fraud in the whole list of crimes in Georgia, and it will hopefully deter them,” state Rep. David Clark, the bill’s main sponsor, said.
Heartland’s team of policy, government relations, and marketing professionals highlighted the ongoing scientific debate over the causes and consequences of climate change and led efforts to battle harmful climate policies.

**Two New Books**

Our signature contribution to the climate debate in the quarter was publication and distribution of *Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming*. Authors Craig D. Idso, Ph.D., the late Robert M. Carter, Ph.D., and S. Fred Singer, Ph.D., note, “Probably the most widely repeated claim in the debate over global warming is that ‘97% of scientists agree’ that climate change is man-made and dangerous. This claim is not only false, but its presence in the debate is an insult to science.”

The book attracted significant, and even positive, media attention. On March 21, the *Washington Times* published a glowing review. Heartland Institute President Joseph Bast, the book’s editor, discussed the book on several talk radio programs, including the *Tommy Schurmacher Show* on CJAD-AM, Montreal; *A Touch of Grey Radio*, WABC-AM, Connecticut; the *Lynn Woolley Show*, KBBW-AM, Waco, Texas; and *Today’s Issues with Tim Wildmon*, with approximately 2.5 million listeners in more than 200 cities across the United States. Singer discussed the book on *Free Radio Europe* and published an op-ed at *American Thinker*, *Real Clear Politics*, and *Junk Science* titled “Climate Change: The Burden of Proof.”

Activists and elected officials found the book to be a valuable contribution to ongoing legislative debates. A grassroots activist in Oregon hand-delivered copies to all 90 members of the state legislature, Gov. Kate Brown, several newspaper reporters, and other influential individuals in the state. We provided copies to several county commissioners who requested them, including a county commissioner in Montana who planned to distribute copies to members of the National Association of Counties, on whose board he serves.

We also promoted a new book by Policy Advisor Donn Dears, *Nothing to Fear: A Bright Future for Fossil Fuels*. Contrary to
claims made by President Barack Obama and other climate alarmists, Dears’ book demonstrates global warming is not even a major problem, much less a crisis.

Affordable and reliable energy from fossil fuels is essential if mankind is to respond to potential climate threats, and fossil fuels are responsible for tremendous improvement in the human condition, lifting billions of people out of grinding poverty, Dears notes. Environment & Climate News Managing Editor H. Sterling Burnett conducted a podcast with Dears discussing the book, and the two coauthored a series of op-eds covering issues discussed in the book.

Dears discussed the book on several radio shows, including the nationally syndicated Lars Larson Show, broadcast on 200 stations; Issues Today Radio, on 100 stations; CSC Talk Radio, on stations in California and Missouri; and Declare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock, on the online Liberty Radio Network.

Justice Dept. Threatens Skeptics

Another major development in climate policy was U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch’s testimony that, at the behest of Rhode Island Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, the Obama administration’s Justice Department had requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigate whether there is sufficient evidence to prosecute Exxon and other companies, researchers, and think tanks for exercising their First Amendment rights in promoting climate skepticism.

In a March issue of Climate Change Weekly, Burnett wrote, “President Barack Obama’s hostility to the free flow of information, open debate, and views contradicting his own appears to have no bounds.”

On March 30, The Wall Street Journal published a letter to the editor by Heartland Policy Advisor Dan Miller, who wrote, “Skeptical scientists must be free from threat of criminal prosecution to continue their search for answers and solutions.”

Supreme Court Nixes CPP

The biggest positive news on the climate front came on February 9, when the U.S. Supreme Court stayed implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan (CPP). Never before had the Court stayed a regulation before lower courts had heard substantive arguments on the issue. American Thinker published an op-ed on the matter quoting Director of Communications Jim Lakely, and CNS News published an article noting, “Joseph Bast, president and CEO of the Heartland Institute, cheered the Supreme Court’s recent block on President Obama’s Clean Power Plan as ‘a real victory’ for conservatives opposed to economy-strangling energy regulations.”

The lead story in the February issue of Environment & Climate News reported on the decision, and The Leaflet noted since the stay was announced, 19 states have suspended their plans for implementing CPP and many others are considering doing the same. Burnett discussed the implications of the Court’s action on the Mike Siegel Show on WRKO-AM in Boston and as a guest on Scott Hennen’s Energy Matters on KFYR-AM in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Fighting for Fracking

Heartland continued to spread the truth about the huge benefits and small potential drawbacks of hydraulic fracturing (fracking), battling those who would shut down this vital industry in their ongoing effort to end the use of fossil fuels.

In February, we published the fourth in a series of original studies by geologist Mark Krumenacher and Heartland Research Fellow Isaac Orr on frac sand mining, “Social Impacts of Industrial Silica Sand (Frac Sand)
Mining: Land Use and Value.” We provided county commissioners in Clayton County, Iowa copies of the Orr/Krumenacher study as well as research from the University of Iowa and Institute for Wisconsin’s Health.

In Heartland podcasts, Orr and a variety of guests dispelled myths about fracking. For instance, Audrey Boerner of the Institute for Wisconsin’s Health said fracking has not been linked to public health problems, and Jackie Stewart of Energy in Depth discussed a recent study by the University of Cincinnati showing fracking has not contaminated water supplies.

USA Today published “A Valentine’s Day Ode to Fracking,” in which Orr wrote, “Fracking has made the United States the largest producer of natural gas in the world and has nearly doubled the amount of oil produced in the United States since 2008.”


In January, the Florida House of Representatives passed a bill to prevent local governments from banning or placing moratoria on hydraulic fracturing in their jurisdictions. Before the vote, we sent a Research & Commentary on fracking’s relationship to earthquakes, and Orr spoke at an event we hosted for approximately 20 members of the relevant committees.

Federal Land Mismanagement
The federal government owns a significant portion of most Western states, leaving residents feeling their lives are controlled by anonymous bureaucrats thousands of miles away and limiting economic development and tax revenue. Western legislators have been fighting to gain ownership of, or at least management authority for, many of the federal properties within their borders. Heartland has been covering this issue for many years.

Heartland government relations and policy staff briefed Utah lawmakers and staff members on various states’ efforts to persuade Congress and the president to give up their control of federal lands in the West. Burnett conducted a podcast with Montana state Sen. Jennifer Fielder on public lands issues, and we distributed a Research & Commentary titled “Federal Ownership of Public Lands Update” to 1,431 state and local elected officials in 10 Western states. Heartland addressed the topic in podcasts with Shawn Regan, director of publications at the Property and Environment Research Center, and Cato Institute Senior Fellow Randal O’Toole.

The American Spectator published Benson’s op-ed, “Don’t Fence Us in: Western States Seek Return of Land From D.C.” Reacting to land conflicts in the region, Oregon Rep. Greg Walden released draft legislation that would transfer 300,000 acres of national forests to two counties and Indian tribes in Oregon’s Klamath Basin.

Obama’s Carbon Tax Tanks
In his final budget proposal, President Barack
Obama called for a $10.00 per barrel tax on oil production. The proposal was immediately declared “dead on arrival.”

Heartland was quick to respond. The Washington Times published an article quoting Burnett: “Only President Obama, with his fierce hatred of fossil fuels, would propose a tax on the very industry that is almost entirely responsible for the modest recovery we’ve experienced since the Great Recession,’ says H. Sterling Burnett, a research fellow for The Heartland Institute.”

Orr discussed the tax proposal on The Schilling Show on WINA-AM in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Research Fellow Bette Grande criticized the tax hike idea on the online Conservative Commandos Radio Show. Senior Fellow James Taylor talked about the tax with host Scott Hennen on his Energy Matters show on KFYR-AM in Bismarck, North Dakota.

**Remembering Fallen Champions**

In January, we lost a true champion in the fight for liberty and climate sanity with the death of Dr. Robert M. Carter. Carter was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 10th International Conference on Climate Change hosted by Heartland in Washington, DC in June 2015. The 200th edition of Climate Change Weekly was devoted to Carter’s work. PJ Media published an op-ed by Policy Advisor Tom Harris, “Scientist Bob Carter, Who Led Fight Against Global Warming Alarmism, Passes On.”

Another champion in the climate debate, pioneering hurricane researcher William Gray, Ph.D., died on April 16, 2016 at the age of 86. Gray was a good friend of The Heartland Institute, speaking at five of our International Conferences on Climate Change and attending most others. He was emeritus professor of atmospheric science at Colorado State University (CSU) and head of the Tropical Meteorology Project at CSU’s Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

The New York Times noted, “In an interview with Westword, a Denver online newsletter, in 2006, Dr. Gray said, ‘When I am pushing up daisies, I am very sure that we will find that humans have warmed the globe slightly, but that it’s nothing like what they’re saying.’”

Carter and Gray both displayed courage, kindness, and utter professionalism in the face of harsh criticism for their climate realism. We at Heartland will miss them.

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“Proponents ... promised it would improve the quality of care for all Americans and provide access to health insurance for millions of people,” Executive Editor Justin Haskins wrote in that week’s Consumer Power Report e-newsletter. “Proponents also said insurance companies would make billions of dollars ... from the expanded health insurance market, largely resulting from the individual mandate. Sounds like a win-win-win scenario. What could possibly go wrong? A lot, apparently.”

In an article for Patient Daily, Research Fellow Michael Hamilton wrote, “The dependent care mandate [in ACA] has the appearance of supporting families by raising the age children can remain on their parents’ insurance plans from 19 to 25. Instead, it essentially charges families $7,200 over six years without telling them.”

Repealing CON Regulations
One of the most insidious regulations restricting people’s access to affordable, quality health care is state certificate of need (CON) laws. Although Congress repealed federal CON regulations in 1987, 36 states continue to impose them.

Heartland reached legislators, their constituents, and opinion leaders with news articles, Research & Commentary collections, and op-eds noting the urgency of repealing CON laws in Florida, Georgia, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Virginia’s House of Delegates passed CON reform legislation by a wide margin before hospital associations persuaded the Senate to table the reform until next session. Heartland is helping in-state reformers implement a strategy for passage.

The harmful effect of CON laws on patient access to mental health care caught the attention of Iowa legislators and Gov. Terry Branstad “after the state’s five-member Health Facilities Council (HFC) rejected an application for a proposed 72-bed mental health facility,” wrote Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans in a Research & Commentary. Haskins tied CON laws to Mental Health Awareness Month (May) with an op-ed published by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Promoting Direct Primary Care
Several states are considering laws protecting direct primary care (DPC), under which patients pay doctors a monthly fee in exchange for a suite of preventive care services. Bypassing insurance companies for routine visits allows doctors to spend more time with patients and charge lower prices for health care.
“My day is now spent doing what patients expect and physicians train for: diagnosing and treating disease;” Dr. Brian Sachs, founder of the Platte Medical Center in Platteville, Wisconsin, told legislators and staffers at a Heartland-organized forum in Madison, Wisconsin in January. Docs4PatientCare founder Dr. Hal Scherz joined Hamilton for a Health Care News podcast and promotes Heartland on his weekly podcast for 20,000 subscribers.

We sent Research & Commentaries addressing DPC to more than 2,200 elected officials in 13 states. Virginia and Wyoming passed legislation protecting DPC providers from being regulated as if they were insurance providers, and Tennessee lawmakers passed a DPC measure that awaits a decision by Gov. Bill Haslam.

**Busting Medicaid Expansion Myths**

The state share of the cost of Medicaid expansion continues to outstrip projections in each of the 32 states that accepted federal funding for expansion under ACA.

“Using the same perverse incentives by which entitlements trap millions of Americans in poverty and government dependence, the latest Medicaid lure coaxes financially strapped states into federal assistance that is temporary and illusory,” Hamilton wrote in a February op-ed for The Hill. In March, he debunked Medicaid expansion myths at a forum hosted by New Hampshire state Rep. Allen Cook.

In Arkansas, Medicaid expansion continues to attract more participants than state officials projected would enroll. Hamilton appeared on the Dave Elswick Show on KHTE-FM 96.5 in Little Rock to explain why repeal of the expansion is the only cost-effective solution for the state.

State Government Relations Manager Nathan Makla met with elected officials and allies in Raleigh, North Carolina to discuss Medicaid expansion and on March 4, Heartland cosponsored the Civitas Foundation’s Conservative Leadership Conference, attended by more than 650 people in Cary, North Carolina.

In Louisiana, Gov. John Bel-Evadmed lawmakers’ rejection of Medicaid expansion by implementing expansion by executive order. Heartland sent a Research & Commentary to 2,999 elected officials and allies in 16 states that have resisted expansion, urging lawmakers not to follow Louisiana’s lead.

Medicaid expansion has provoked a constitutional crisis in Colorado, where the state’s hospital provider fee has collected a surplus. “Ordinarily, that would trigger a taxpayer refund under ... the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR),” Health Care News reported. But as we explained in a Research & Commentary, an exception in TABOR has tempted lawmakers to try to reclassify the fee so the state can keep the excess revenue.

**Single-Payer Socialism**

Coloradans will vote in November on a ballot initiative to establish the country’s first state-sponsored single-payer health care system. In February, Government Relations Director John Nothdurft spoke to the Republican Study Committee of Colorado about the initiative, and in March we sent lawmakers a Research & Commentary titled “Colorado Should Reject Single-Payer Health Care.”

Senior Fellow Peter Ferrara appeared on The Jasen Sokol Show on WAKR-AM in Ohio to outline the problems with single-payer health care. Hamilton joined the fray with an op-ed published by three newspapers, and Haskins wrote in the Consumer Power Report, “[T]he Affordable Care Act is [a] ‘transition step’ toward a single-payer socialized medical system in the United States. ... [M]edical socialism is now closer than ever.”

![Nathan Makla](image)  
State Government Relations Manager

![Peter Ferrara](image)  
Senior Fellow
Constitutional Reform a High Priority for Heartland Institute, State Legislatures

The first quarter of 2016 saw a flurry of activity, and several victories, on constitutional reform in state legislatures across the country. The Heartland Institute’s Center for Constitutional Reform was right in the thick of things, helping state elected officials make constitutional reform a priority and praising them when they did so.

Three proposals for Article V convention applications, backed by the Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force (BBATF), Convention of States (CoS), and U.S. Term Limits (USTL), respectively, achieved successes in the first quarter. The Heartland Institute endorses no specific proposal but rather supports all efforts to achieve constitutional reform through state-led Article V conventions.

Balanced Budget Amendment
BBATF seeks ratification of a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. To achieve ratification of an amendment, 34 states must call a convention to propose the amendment, and 38 states must ratify it.

In March, West Virginia became the 28th state in the nation to fully enact a single-subject Article V convention application backed by BBATF. In late February, we sent West Virginia lawmakers a Research & Commentary about the proposal. When the proposal passed, we sent a press release to media contacts in the state.

Convention of States
The Convention of States (CoS) Project, spearheaded by Citizens for Self-Governance, is working with state legislatures to call an Article V convention to address more than a single topic. CoS seeks to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress.

In the first quarter of 2016, Tennessee became the fifth state and Indiana the sixth to pass an Article V convention application backed by CoS. We sent press releases to media contacts in both states. An issue of The Leaflet, the government relations department’s weekly e-newsletter, discussed Tennessee’s vote.

The State House of Representatives in South Dakota and in Utah also approved the CoS application, as did the West Virginia Senate. Before the votes, we sent state-specific Research & Commentary collections to elected officials in those states. After the votes, we sent press releases praising legislators for their support for constitutional reform.

In January, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott endorsed an Article V convention. His plan aligns best with the CoS proposal, calling for a multiple amendment approach. We sent a press release commenting on Abbott’s proposal to 13,014 media contacts across the country. Senior Fellow Peter Ferrara talked about the proposal on The Mike Siegel Show on WRKO-AM in Boston, and the San Antonio Express News
published an op-ed by Kyle Maichle, project manager for the Center for Constitutional Reform.

Term Limits
Established in the early 1990s, USTL helped enact and defend state-level term limits in 15 states and congressional limits adopted by 23 states. In 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled states cannot limit the terms of their members of Congress. USTL now advocates for an Article V convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to include congressional term limits.

In January, by unanimous voice votes of its State House of Representatives and Senate, Florida became the first state in the nation to call for an Article V convention focused strictly on limiting congressional terms. We sent a press release praising the legislature’s action to 1,685 media contacts.

In early March, we issued a press release praising members of the Utah House of Representatives, which also called for an Article V convention to impose congressional term limits.

What Else Did We Do?
On February 6, Heartland co-sponsored with BBATF a legislative dinner in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Government Relations Director John Nothdurft spoke to approximately 50 lawmakers and allies about Heartland and its Center for Constitutional Reform.

On February 24, the Center for Constitutional Reform hosted in the Andrew Breitbart Freedom Center a discussion of how an Article V convention could be simulated. The event featured former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Thomas Brennan, now with Convention USA, and former Iowa state legislator Neal Schuerer of Campaign Constitution.

We also hosted two monthly conference calls with allies in the constitutional reform movement. The February call featured Michael Farris of Convention of States, while the March call featured Heartland Policy Advisor David Guldenschuh. The call is a by-invitation-only discussion of constitutional reform efforts with nearly two dozen participants each month.

We contacted or met with 1,725 allies and elected officials in the first quarter. Among the highlights:
• We met with U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan; Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch; and staff members for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Congressmen Glenn Grothman (R-WI), Raúl Labrador (R-ID), and Darin LaHood (R-IL), among others.
• We also attended Tommy Thompson’s “Wisconsin and the World” Conference and distributed more than 1,300 copies of Heartland publications.
Thirty states have some form of school choice, and 25 allow choice students to attend private schools. Every January, educators, parents, and children celebrate with a wide variety of events marking National School Choice Week (NSCW). NSCW was commemorated this year in every state with 16,400 events in 13,224 schools, 20 state capitol buildings, and other venues. Heartland actively participated in this nationwide celebration.

On January 30, 52 people attended Heartland’s NSCW forum at its Arlington Heights, Illinois headquarters, and nearly 170 watched online. Speakers were Illinois state Rep. Tom Morrison; Heartland Senior Fellow Bruno Behrend; Sister Mary Paul McCaughey, a longtime educator and education administrator; former Congressman Joe Walsh; and Michael McHugh of the Christian Liberty Academy.

Project Manager Lennie Jarratt was a guest on the Charles Butler Radio Program on the Genesis Communication Network to promote the event, and the Daily Herald published the event’s schedule and speakers in advance. The Chicago Tribune covered the event in a February article.

Senior Fellow Robert Holland promoted NSCW in a January op-ed published by the Washington Examiner, and the Daily Caller published an op-ed by Jarratt – who also spoke about school choice at three events in January with a total audience of more than 1,100 people.

Putting Money Where It Counts

Heartland focuses on positive solutions to problems in the nation’s K–12 education system, especially choice in the form of education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, tax credits, and scholarships.

In mid-January, when a Nevada judge issued an injunction halting implementation of Nevada’s ESA program, we sent 2,000 reporters and media contacts a press release quoting six Heartland experts, explaining how the decision would prevent Nevada families from seeking the best education for their children. Jarratt was a guest on MiddleGround on KZLS-AM in Oklahoma to explain how ESAs benefit students.

The Columbus Dispatch published a letter to the editor by Holland about Ohio’s voucher program, and we sent a Research & Commentary about the benefits of school vouchers to members of the Tennessee legislature.

These and other efforts resulted in several legislative victories for school choice:

• U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) introduced the Education Freedom Accounts Act, which would make every student in Washington, DC public or charter schools eligible for an ESA.
• Arizona state Rep. Justin Olsen introduced a bill to remove limits on the state’s ESA program, opening it to all public school students by 2020.
• Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill increasing funding for the state’s scholarship accounts program for special-needs students from $55 million to $73 million.
• The budget subcommittee of the Tennessee House of Representatives passed a bill to make vouchers available to children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches and who currently attend or are zoned for a school

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ranking in the bottom 5 percent statewide.
• In Virginia, an ESA bill giving parents access to up to 90 percent of the per-pupil funding for public school students passed the House Education Committee and was sent to the Appropriations Committee.
• Wyoming legislators proposed an ESA and tax credit program. The state has never passed school choice legislation.

Growing Opposition to Common Core
Heartland continued in the first quarter to examine the failures of Common Core and expose the false narrative spun by its proponents.

In January, a watchdog group released an undercover video exposing a national textbook vendor’s admissions about Common Core. Two Houghton Mifflin Harcourt employees say “It’s never about the kids,” “I hate kids,” and “You don’t think the educational publishing companies are in it for education, do you? No, they’re in it for the money.” Research Fellow Joy Pullmann reported on the video in the March issue of School Reform News.

In Heartland’s School Choice Weekly e-newsletter, Pullmann documented the abysmally low standards of Common Core. Holland addressed the problem of Common Core becoming ingrained in the fabric of education in a Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel op-ed, and Jarratt addressed that concern at two conferences in January, explaining how Common Core affects homeschoolers.

A Tightening Federal Grip
The national conversation on education has been heating up since President Barack Obama signed in mid-December a long-awaited rewrite of No Child Left Behind, renamed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The January issue of School Reform News reported that although some education experts considered the measure a step in the right direction, grassroots activists were less enthusiastic.

The Washington Times published an op-ed by Holland titled “Flagging Duncan’s excessive celebration over ESSA.” He wrote, “By failing to restrain his end-zone celebration of the Republican-led Congress’ recent passage of ... ESSA, Mr. Duncan has exposed the deceit and dishonesty of a bipartisan Washington establishment that has imposed top-down controls on education a majority of Americans don’t want.”

The death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and volatile nature of the current presidential election cycle create uncertainty about the future of education reform. Holland explained in an op-ed for The Hill: “Scalia’s eventual replacement could open the door wider for full-scale school choice programs by voting to uphold parents’ right to send their children to private secular or religious schools, or he or she could slam the door shut by narrowing choice options to secular, government-backed schools.”
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### July

**Thursday, July 7**
**Libertarianism and the Environment**
Cedrick C. Keith, author of *The Dying Fish: A Sojourn to the Source*

This is the story of Cedric Keith’s walk through 4,000 miles of the eastern wilds, intent on an environmental cause—the preservation of the eastern brook trout. However, the fish and the wilderness would lead him, by the roads less traveled, to a more primal Americanism.

**Wednesday, July 20**
**Property Rights in 21st Century America**
Timothy Sandefur and Christina Sandefur, authors of *Cornerstone of Liberty*

Ten years after the Supreme Court’s infamous eminent domain decision in *Kelo v. New London*, the Sandefurs survey the landscape of property rights in the United States. They combine real-life stories with the philosophical and legal background of private property rights to show why the right to ownership is one of the most essential of human rights.

**Wednesday, July 27**
**The Use of State Power to Silence Patriots**
Eric O’Keefe, board of directors, Citizens for Self-Governance

Conservatives engaged in Wisconsin political debates have endured at least 13 home raids, dozens of subpoenas, and a smear campaign conducted by Milwaukee District Attorney John Chisholm and his allies. O’Keefe led the effort to terminate the assault by defying a secrecy order and organized several lawsuits against the prosecution team. He will be happy to take questions about the Wisconsin fights and the Republican Party nomination process.

### August

**Wednesday, August 3**
**How to Limit Government Spending**
Barry Poulson, emeritus professor of economics, University of Colorado

Poulson is best known as the architect of the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights that was successfully enacted in Colorado. He will be discussing why the national government of the United States needs new structural fiscal rules to curb out-of-control spending.

**August**

**Wednesday, August 10**
**Collectivist Control of Education and Common Core**
Marsha Familaro Enright, M.A., educational entrepreneur and Jeffrey D. Horn, grassroots activist and data scientist

Enright will talk about how collectivists have controlled education far longer than most people realize. Hear about education history and collectivists’ use of it to transform our young people into sheepish conformists. Horn will discuss how Common Core State Standards and high-stakes testing are not making our children more competitive in a global economy but more accepting of surveillance and control in the future workplace.

### September

**Thursday, September 15**
**6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
**The Heartland Institute’s 32nd Anniversary Benefit Dinner**
featuring P.J. O’Rourke, political satirist and author

The Heartland Institute will celebrate its 32nd anniversary at The Cotillion in Palatine, Illinois. P.J. O’Rourke will deliver an incisive and funny address about the 2016 election and the state of politics and culture in America today.

**Wednesday, September 28**
**The Collapse of Communism**
Robert Buchar, film director

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