



Patriot DEFENSE FUND 20



STRATEGY MEMO

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TO: CLUB FOR GROWTH ACTION INVESTORS

RE: PATRIOT 20 DEFENSE FUND

DATE: JULY 20, 2023

Club for Growth Action is prepared to spend \$20 million in defense of the Patriot 20, the group of members who fought to advance conservative priorities and establish a more transparent and accountable legislative process in the House during the Speaker negotiations in January. As the largest conservative political action committee, we helped elect 17 of these 20 members to Congress and are determined to make sure they have the support necessary to win their primaries and beat Democrat challengers.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Moderate donor networks are already working to enact retribution against these conservative members who they perceive to be vulnerable to a primary challenge. Making our financial commitment public may serve as an effective deterrent to some potential challengers. These funds will also allow us to run aggressive independent expenditures targeting moderates who eventually emerge to primary any of these members.

» **PRIORITY 1** We are committed to retaining the five freshman members of the Patriot 20. We know that first-term incumbents are often perceived as more vulnerable, so we will defend these five members aggressively if any credible primary challengers emerge. Moderate donors and candidates seeking to settle scores should save their money, because we are prepared to win at all costs. We have a proven track record of success in these races, as evidenced by our investment of over \$8.1 million to elect Josh Brecheen (OK-02), Anna Paulina Luna (FL-13), and Andy Ogles (TN-05) last cycle.

» **PRIORITY 2** We are committed to defending the remaining members of the Patriot 20 in primary elections. We are closely monitoring the re-election efforts of each conservative incumbent and will not hesitate to make independent expenditures to defeat moderate challengers. We will not compromise in our defense of these members.

GENERAL ELECTION

In addition to defending these conservatives from moderate primary challengers, we will also help to protect conservative members who are targeted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC)

in the general election. The DCCC has already publicly announced plans to target congressional districts represented by three members of the Patriot 20:

- » Lauren Boebert (CO-03)
- » Anna Paulina Luna (FL-13)
- » Scott Perry (PA-10)

Other members may be added later as congressional maps are redrawn in response to court rulings and the political environment becomes clearer.

Our primary role in the general election will be to help level the playing field against the Democrats' spending advantage. We will do this by making independent expenditures with respect to conservative candidates targeted by the DCCC. As an example, the last time one of our conservative champions was seriously threatened in a general election, we committed \$6.4 million to protect Chip Roy (TX-21) in 2020.

| DISTRICT | MEMBER | 2022 COOK PVI | TRUMP '20 MARGIN |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| AZ-02 | Eli Crane* | R+6 | 7.9% |
| AZ-05 | Andy Biggs | R+11 | 16.4% |
| AZ-09 | Paul Gosar | R+16 | 25.7% |
| CO-03 | Lauren Boebert | R+7 | 8.2% |
| FL-01 | Matt Gaetz | R+19 | 32.2% |
| FL-13 | Anna Paulina Luna* | R+6 | 6.7% |
| FL-19 | Byron Donalds | R+13 | 21.0% |
| GA-09 | Andrew Clyde | R+22 | 37.9% |
| IL-15 | Mary Miller | R+22 | 38.8% |
| MD-01 | Andy Harris | R+11 | 14.4% |
| MT-02 | Matt Rosendale | R+16 | 26.9% |
| NC-08 | Dan Bishop | R+20 | 34.1% |
| OK-02 | Josh Brecheen* | R+29 | 53.4% |
| PA-10 | Scott Perry | R+5 | 4.1% |
| SC-05 | Ralph Norman | R+12 | 18.2% |
| TN-05 | Andy Ogles* | R+9 | 11.3% |
| TX-01 | Keith Self* | R+26 | 45.8% |
| TX-21 | Chip Roy | R+13 | 19.7% |
| TX-27 | Michael Cloud | R+13 | 22.4% |
| VA-05 | Bob Good | R+7 | 8.2% |

*Denotes newly elected member.

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