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Levin Center Chair Carl Levin's Statement on the Passing of Former Senator Tom Coburn



Senators Levin and Coburn presenting the only bipartisan congressional report on the financial crisis of 2008.

Former Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), founder and chair of the Levin Center at Wayne Law, made the following statement about the passing of his colleague and friend, former Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK).

“Tom Coburn was a terrific oversight partner in the Senate — tough, fearless, and more interested in facts than politics. I trusted Tom Coburn totally because of his integrity. I shall deeply miss him.

Our investigations together included exposing JPMorgan's London whale trades, HSBC's lax money laundering controls, tactics used by corrupt foreign leaders to circumvent U.S. anti-money laundering safeguards, and Eric Conn's fraudulent manipulation of the social security disability program. We also produced the only bipartisan report on the financial crisis. Tom had strong opinions — but was always productive, fair, and faithful to the facts.

Following his retirement from the Senate, Tom Coburn remained a champion of bipartisan, fact-based oversight, and the oversight community will miss him. We at the Levin Center at Wayne Law, on whose board Tom loyally served, will miss him. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and colleagues.”

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