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Levin Center Announces New Name and Releases Promotional Video

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce today that to more accurately define and better promote our mission, the Levin Center at Wayne Law will now be known as the **Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy**.

For the past few years, we have been talking internally about the need to include in our name elements that describe our mission. Anticipating the opening of our new headquarters office and the release of our first promotional [video](#), it seemed the right time to address this issue. Because naming can be challenging and complicated, we engaged many people in our decision-making process. We thank everyone who helped us. We hope that the new name speaks to the legacy of the late Senator Carl Levin and the impact and aspirations of the Center's work.

By championing the values and techniques of bipartisan legislative fact-finding, the Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy is building a pathway of trust and civic respect among lawmakers in Washington and across the United States. By defending Congress's constitutional right to conduct oversight, we are standing up for the public's right to know what their government is doing. By supporting research on government transparency and accountability, we are expanding the public's understanding of the system that enables us all to separate fact from fiction on vital public questions. And by engaging with students from high school to law school, we are training the next generation of leaders who will follow the example of Senator Levin, and of colleagues like John McCain and Tom Coburn, who put country over party every day.

To keep the formal name reasonable in length and consistent with the naming of comparable organizations, it will no longer include the words “at Wayne Law.” Of course, the Levin Center remains a proud part of its host institution, Wayne State University Law School, and its community of outstanding students, faculty, and staff. We hope this new video captures the essence of our values and work, none of which would be possible without the commitment of the Levin Center’s staff, faculty advisory committee, advisory board, oversight fellows, and numerous other partners, and a generous community of funders and donors.

We look forward to continuing to work with all of you to encourage lawmakers and all Americans to embrace our civic responsibility to work across our differences to ascertain the facts, respect each other, and govern based on our best understanding of the truth.

Sincerely,



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