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LEVIN CENTER ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF BOOK THAT CHRONICALS CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT'S IMPACT ON U.S. HISTORY

Detroit, MI - March 24, 2025 - The Levin Center is pleased to announce the publication of *Congress Investigates: George Washington to January 6th*, a book that summarizes the creation, operation, and results of 21 major investigations by Congress over the life of our nation. Starting with the first investigation by Congress of the Executive Branch under George Washington through hearings on the Ku Klux Klan, the sinking of the Titanic, Enron, the 2018 financial crisis and January 6th, the book provides a compelling and fascinating account of significant moments in our nation's history as addressed by Members of Congress.

The book was authored by Elise Bean, director of the Levin Center's Washington office and a titan in the field of congressional oversight. Tragically, Elise died earlier this year and was unable to see the final fruit of her effort, but publication of this book was on her mind to the very end. She was joined in authorship by Kyle Bule, Levin Center Research and Communications Specialist. They were both funded by the Levin Center for their work on this book.

"Publication of this book is a fitting tribute to its driving force and co-author, Elise Bean, who dedicated herself to enabling Congress to fulfill its duty, through oversight, to serve as the eyes and voice of the American people," said Levin Center director Jim Townsend. "The Levin Center also owes much gratitude to Nell Minow of Miniver Press, publisher of the book, who could not have been a better or more encouraging partner."

Those who have had an early read of the book know how meaningful, educational, and entertaining it is.

Senator and former Majority Leader Tom Daschle noted, "This is an excellent view of U.S. history through the lens of congressional investigations. The chapters are easy to read yet deeply informative. Since the beginning of our country, Congress has stepped in to uncover the facts and inform the public on critical issues — sometimes it succeeded more than others. This is the dramatic story of those times and that effort."

Kevin R. Kosar, Editor, Understanding Congress and senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute commented: "Hapless military leaders. Vicious Klansmen. Inept ship captains. Gifting high officials. Shady financiers. Villainous Mafioso. Raging partisans. Who knew a book about congressional oversight could be a thriller!"

Congress Investigates is available in hard copy on Amazon for \$15 and on Kindle for \$8. The book is also available in an audio version. <https://a.co/d/9mHHQND>

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