# One Nation, A Corporate Backed Group, Pushing To Extend The Trump Tax Scam

**Summary:** In June 2025, One Nation—a dark money group that <u>wants to extend</u> the 2017 Trump tax scam and which was once responsible for the <u>"largest ever dark money contribution"</u> to a super PAC— <u>launched a \$10 million ad campaign</u> to boost the Republican reconciliation package. As part of its campaign, One Nation <u>released a 30-second ad urging Sen.</u> Jon Ossoff (D-GA) to vote for the bill.

The bill, however, would cut Medicaid and throw 16 million people off health care and raise costs for working families all to pay for more tax cuts for the very wealthy.

It is no surprise that One Nation is composed of numerous big-business lobbyists, something not advertised in its attack ads. Several of its operatives include:

- One Nation <u>president & CEO</u> Steven Law <u>previously served</u> as the deputy labor secretary under George W. Bush before serving as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's chief legal officer where he <u>helped the group defeat</u> legislation <u>aimed</u> at helping workers to form unions.
- Board member **Kenneth Cole** is <u>a former Pfizer and U.S. Chamber lobbyist</u> who lobbied on issues pertaining to lowering the costs of prescription drugs.

Meanwhile, One Nation has received over \$4.4 million from business and conservative-aligned groups since 2020. This <u>includes a \$3 million contribution</u> from the Leonard Leo-linked Concord Fund in 2022. Meanwhile, One Nation <u>funneled</u> a staggering \$63.5 million to the Senate Leadership Fund during the 2024 election cycle.

And although One Nation is not required to disclose donors, notable donors in the past have included late-billionaire and casino mogul <u>Sheldon Adelson</u>, oil refinery company <u>Andeavor</u>, and the <u>American</u> <u>Petroleum Institute</u>, which together contributed **upwards of \$13 million from 2016 to 2019.** 

Finally, One Nation <u>shares an address</u> with that of <u>law firm Holtzman Vogel PLLC</u>, a firm run by longtime Republican operative and "'<u>dark money' superlawyer</u>" <u>Jill Holtzman Vogel</u>, who <u>represented</u> some of the largest conservative super PACs and dark money groups including Koch Groups and Karl Rove's American Crossroads.

In June 2025, One Nation—A Nonprofit That Aims To Extend The 2017 Trump Tax Scam—Launched Attack Ads Against Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA) As Part Of A \$10 Million Ad Blitz To Boost Majority Leader John Thune's And President Trump's Efforts To Extend The 2017 Tax Cuts.

In June 2025, One Nation, A 501(C)(4), Launched Attack Ads Against Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA), As Part Of A \$10 Million Ad Campaign To Boost The Republican Reconciliation Package, Claiming Ossoff Would Vote To Increase Prices And Taxes For Georgia Families.

On June 23, 2025, One Nation Launched An Ad Calling On Congress To Vote "Yes" To Extend President Trump's Tax Cuts, Praising Senator John Thune (R-SD) And Trump For Their "Working Family Tax Cuts." [One Nation via YouTube, 06/23/25]

In A Separate Attack Ad Titled "Steam," One Nation Claimed That If Ossoff Voted Against Extending The Trump Tax Scam, He Would Increase Prices And Taxes On Georgia Families. [One Nation via YouTube, 06/23/25]

The Ad Buys Are Part Of A \$10 Million Ad Campaign To Boost The Chances Of The Reconciliation Package Passing, And Is Slated To Run On Cable And Digital Platforms Around The Beltway And In Georgia. "The spot is running on cable, broadcast and digital in Georgia. One Nation is also undertaking a texting campaign to supplement the ad effort. One Nation is also running an ad, airing on cable and digital in D.C., which hails the reconciliation bill as a joint effort between Thune and President Donald Trump to avoid 'the largest tax hike in history." [Punchbowl News, 06/23/25]

April 2025: One Nation Targeted Sen. Ossoff With A "Seven-Figure" Ad Campaign During Final Four Basketball Tournaments And The Masters Golf Tournament. "The Senate GOP's outside political operation is using the huge upcoming sports weekends to unveil its first ad of the midterms, with Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.) as a target. The seven-figure campaign starts airing tomorrow and will appear during the Final Four men's and women's basketball games, the Masters tournament, and Atlanta Braves broadcasts." [Axios, 04/03/25]

According To Its Website, One Nation Is A 501(C)(4) That Works To Make Sure America Is Guided "By A Common Commitment To Freedom, Democratic Governance And Guaranteed Individual Rights":

#### **About**

*E pluribus unum.* Out of many, one. This was the Founders' vision for America: a nation forged from different cultures, countries, creeds and classes – yet unified by a common commitment to freedom, democratic governance and guaranteed individual rights. We're dedicated to pursuing that vision: helping to solve America's great problems and seize America's greater opportunities through persuasion, research and advocacy.

[One Nation, accessed <u>06/24/25</u>]

ONE NATION IS ORGANIZED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 501( C) (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

[One Nation, accessed 06/24/25]

This Includes A Page To Protect The 2017 Trump Tax Cuts, With One Nation Claiming "Many On The Left Are Calling For Higher Taxes To Pay For Their Liberal Pipedreams":



Since the federal government passed historic tax cuts in 2017—which One Nation supported — unemployment hit record lows, wages are rising, and American families have more of their hard-earned money in their pockets.

Yet today, many on the Left are calling for higher taxes to pay for their liberal pipedreams. The Left's ambitious tax hikes would reverse the progress we have made and jeopardize our strong economy.

#### STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

We need to protect and encourage more real economic growth by passing legislation to make the tax cuts permanent for families. Congress must continue its work for the American people to help



families keep more of what they earn and decide how to best spend their own money.

The Left's ambitious tax hikes would reverse the progress we have made and jeopardize our strong economy

[One Nation, accessed 06/24/25]

One Nation Is Made Up Of Numerous Former Lobbyists And Executives, Most Notably President & CEO Steven Law Who Served As The Chief Legal Officer Of The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, Board Member Ken Cole Who Was A Lobbyist For The Chamber And Pfizer, As Well As Bobby Burchfield Who Served As An Ethics Advisor To President Trump, Among Others.

Steven Law Is The President & CEO Of One Nation, Previously Serving As
Deputy Labor Secretary Under George W. Bush Before Serving As The U.S.
Chamber Of Commerce's Chief Legal Officer, Where He Boasts He Led A
Chamber Campaign To Defeat Proposed Legislation To Make It Easier For
Workers To Form A Union.

| Steven Law Is | Listed As The President & CEO Of One Nation: |
|---------------|--|
|               | (6) STEVEN LAW                               |
|               | PRESIDENT & CEO                              |

[One Nation 2023 Form 990, <u>11/15/24</u>]

According To His LinkedIn, Law Has Served As The Deputy Secretary Of Labor During The Bush Administration, Later Serving As The Chief Legal Officer And General Counsel For The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce:



#### Experience



#### Chief Executive Officer

Senate Leadership Fund | One Nation · Fulltime

Apr 2010 - Feb 2025 · 14 yrs 11 mos



#### Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel

U.S. Chamber of Commerce · Full-time Feb 2007 - Mar 2010 · 3 yrs 2 mos



#### Deputy Secretary | Chief of Staff

U.S. Department of Labor · Full-time Jan 2001 - Jan 2007 · 6 yrs 1 mo

[Steven Law via LinkedIn, accessed <u>06/23/25</u>]

According To A Bio, Law Boasts That While At The U.S. Chamber He Led A Campaign To Defeat The Employee Free Choice Act. "Prior to helping found these organizations, Law served as chief legal officer and general counsel at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where he led a highly successful grassroots advocacy campaign to defeat the Employee Free Choice Act; counseled the Chamber's audit and employee benefits committees; designed new compliance programs on ethics, lobbying, and international activity; and oversaw the Chamber's litigation portfolio." [Georgetown Institute of Politics and Public Service, accessed 06/23/25]

• The Employee Free Choice Act Would Have Protected Workers Who Sought To Form A Union "By Allowing Workers The Choice To Organize A Union Through A Simple Majority Sign-Up Process." "The Employee Free Choice Act is a sensible reform that would protect workers' right to join together in unions and make it harder for management to threaten workers seeking to organize a union, but conservatives are waging war against the bill. The Employee Free Choice Act will restore balance to the union election process by allowing workers the choice to organize a union through a simple majority sign-up process—a system that works well at the small number of workplaces that choose to permit it, raising penalties when the law is violated and promoting productive first contract negotiations with a mediation and arbitration option." [Center For American Progress, 03/11/09]

In 2019, One Nation Appointed Former Pfizer And Chamber Lobbyist Kenneth Cole To Serve On Its Board, Who Lobbied On Issues Pertaining To Lowering The Costs Of Prescription Drugs.

**Kenneth Cole Is Listed As A Member Of One Nation:** 

| (3) KENNETH COLE |      |  |
|------------------|------|--|
|                  | <br> |  |
| BOARD MEMBER     |      |  |

[One Nation 2023 Form 990, 11/15/24]

Cole Was Added To One Nation At The End Of 2019 After He Served On The U.S. Chamber Board Of Directors And Lobbied On Behalf Of Pharma Giant Pfizer. "ONE NATION, ONE of the dark-money groups spending the most to back Republican candidates for Senate, added a former Pfizer lobbyist and U.S. Chamber of Commerce board member to its board of directors at the end of 2019. One Nation has spent \$1.7

million already this year on ads praising the efforts of Republican senators, including the push for lower drug prices, a cause both Pfizer and the Chamber have lobbied against." [The Intercept, 04/14/20]

While Serving As Pfizer Senior VP Of Government Relations From 2010 To 2018, He Lobbied On Issues Pertaining To Drug Pricing And Shortages And Served On The Chamber's Board, Which Also Opposed Legislative Efforts To Lower Drug Prices. "Cole lobbied on behalf of Pfizer as senior vice president of government relations from 2010 to February 2018, on issues including drug pricing and drug shortages. Pfizer has placed the blame for high drug prices on health care providers and insurers, while it has fought recent legislative efforts aimed at reducing drug prices. Since at least 2014, Cole has also served on the board for the Chamber of Commerce, which has similarly opposed legislative efforts to cut drug costs or allow the government to fine companies for inflating prices." [The Intercept, 04/14/20]

Since 2020, One Nation Has Received Over \$4.4 Million From Business And Conservative-Aligned Groups, And Has Contributed Over \$63.5 Million To The Senate Leadership Fund During The 2024 Election Cycle.

Since 2020, One Nation Has Received \$4.4 Million From Business And Conservative-Backed Groups, Including The Concord Fund Whose Head Is Described As The "Protigé" Of Leonard Leo.

Since 2020, One Nation Has Received Over \$4.4 From The American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield, And The Leonard Leo-Backed Concord Fund:

| Contributor                                      | Year         | Amount             |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Blue Cross Blue Shield                           | 2023         | \$100,000          |
| American Property Casualty Insurance Association | <u>2023</u>  | \$100,000          |
| The Concord Fund                                 | 2022         | \$3,000,000        |
| American Property Casualty Insurance Association | 2022         | \$100,000          |
| Aflac Insurance                                  | <u> 2020</u> | \$150,000          |
| Southern Company                                 | 2020         | \$1,000,000        |
|  |              | TOTAL: \$4,450,000 |

- The Concord Fund, Also Known As The Judicial Crisis Network, Was Founded In 2005 And Is
  Focused On Seating Right-Wing Judges On The Bench, Led By Former Leonard Leo "Protegé"
  Carrie Severino. [Center for Media and Democracy, accessed 06/24/25]
- The American Property Casualty Insurance Association Self-Describes As The "Leading Industry Voice" For Over 1,200 Individual Insurance Companies And Holds Numerous Conferences Each Year. [ACPI.org, accessed 06/24/25]

Meanwhile, One Nation Paid Over \$63.5 Million Since 2023 To The Senate Leadership Fund, Which Shares An Address With One Nation In Warrenton, VA.

Since 2023, One Nation Has Given The Senate Leadership Fund Over \$63.5 Million, Including \$5 Million As Recently As December 2024:

| Source name | Recipient         | Receipt date | Amount      |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
|             | SENATE LEADERSHIP |              |             |
| ONE NATION  | <u>FUND</u>       | 12/19/2024   | \$5,000,000 |

| ONE NATION | <u>FUND</u>       | TOTAL:     | \$5,180,000<br><b>\$63,580,000.00</b> |
|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| ONE NATION |                   | 12/11/2023 | \$5.190.000                           |
|            | SENATE LEADERSHIP |            |                                       |
| ONE NATION | <u>FUND</u>       | 03/26/2024 | \$2,000,000                           |
|            | SENATE LEADERSHIP |            |                                       |
| ONE NATION | <u>FUND</u>       | 06/28/2024 | \$18,400,000                          |
|            | SENATE LEADERSHIP |            |                                       |
| ONE NATION | <u>FUND</u>       | 09/30/2024 | \$28,000,000                          |
|            | SENATE LEADERSHIP |            |                                       |
| ONE NATION | <u>FUND</u>       | 10/24/2024 | \$5,000,000                           |
|            | SENATE LEADERSHIP |            |                                       |

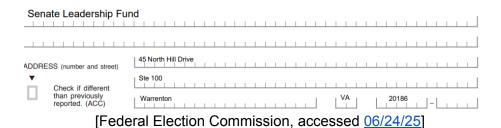
[Federal Election Commission, accessed <u>06/25/25</u>]

Both One Nation And The Senate Leadership Fund Share The Same Address Per FEC Filings:

### 1. One Nation

45 North Hill Drive, Suite 100 Warrenton, VA 20186

[Federal Election Commission, accessed <u>06/24/25</u>]



As Recently As June 23, 2025, The Senate Leadership Fund Shared An Op-Ed Written By Majority Leader Thune Where He Urged Republicans To Get Trump's Tax Bill To His Desk By July 4th.

On June 23, 2025, The Senate Leadership Fund Shared An Op-Ed From Majority Leader Thune Urging Republican Colleagues To Have President Trump's Tax Bill On His Desk By July 4th:



[Senate Leadership Fund via X, <u>06/23/25</u>]

Although One Nation Is Not Required To Disclose Its Donors, Other Notable Donors Have Included Late-Billionaire And Casino Mogul Sheldon Adelson, Oil Refinery Andeavor, And The American Petroleum Institute, Contributing Upwards Of \$13 Million From 2016 To 2019.

One Nation Has Also Received At Least \$10 Million From Late-Billionaire And Casino Mogul Sheldon Adelson, \$2 Million From Andeavor, One Of The Country's Largest Oil Refineries, And Over \$1 Million From The American Petroleum Institute,

August 2016: The Guardian Revealed Late-Billionaire And Casino Mogul Sheldon Adelson Contributed At Least \$10 Million To One Nation, Which Spent At Least \$16 Million On Ads In Several Key Senate Races During The 2016 Election. "The Guardian can reveal that the casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson, who is said by well-placed sources to be worried about losing control of Congress, met Trump in New York last week. [...] Two other GOP operatives familiar with Adelson told the Guardian he had given \$10m to One Nation, a group run by Steven Law, once a top aide to Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell. A 'dark money' group, legally able to keep its donors secret, One Nation was launched in May 2015. This year it has spent at least \$16m on ads in several Senate races." [The Guardian, 08/27/16]

In Both 2016 And 2017, Andeavor—One Of America's Largest Oil Refineries—Contributed \$1 Million To One Nation, Per Voluntary Political Disclosures On Its Website. "One of the country's largest oil refiners,

Andeavor, contributed \$1 million in both 2016 and 2017 to One Nation, a dark money group with close ties to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), according to voluntary disclosures on the company's website. Since One Nation is not required to disclose its contributors, Andeavor's disclosure of its contributions makes it one of the only known donors to the politically active nonprofit." [Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 11/16/18]

• At The Time, Andeavor Claimed It "Operate[d] In A Highly Regulated And Often Politicized Environment" And Defended The Donation Saying It The Company Has A Responsibility To Advocate For Energy Policies To Help It "Operate In A Healthy Business Environment." "Andeavor's contributions may have been used to support One Nation's efforts to influence elections. On the webpage where Andeavor voluntarily discloses information about its political and advocacy contributions, the oil refiner acknowledges that some portion of its contributions to groups like One Nation 'may be used for the purposes of lobbying or political expenditures.' A spokesperson for Andeavor told the Texas Observer in April 2018 that since it 'operates in a highly regulated and often politicized environment,' the company believes it has a responsibility to 'advocate for sound energy policies and actively engage in the political process to ensure we continue to operate in a healthy business environment." [Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 11/16/18]

## From 2018 To 2019, One Nation Received Over \$1 Million From The American Petroleum Institute In The Form Of "General Support" And A "Research Grant":



[ProPublica, accessed 06/24/25]

One Nation Also Shares Its Address With That Of Law Firm Holtzman Vogel PLLC, A Firm Run By Longtime Republican Operative And "Dark Money Superlawyer" Jill Holtzman Vogel, Who Represented Some Of The Largest Conservative Super PACs And Dark Money Groups Including Koch Groups And Karl Rove's American Crossroads.

In Its Most Recent Tax Filing, One Nation Disclosed That Its Address Was At The Virginia Office Of Law Firm Holtzman Vogel PLLC.

In Its Most Recent Tax Filing, One Nation Disclosed Its Address As 15405 John Marshall Hwy, Haymarket, VA 20169:



| ONE NATION  |            |
|---|------------|
| Doing business as   |            |
| Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)<br>15405 JOHN MARSHALL HWY | Room/suite |
| City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code<br>HAYMARKET, VA 20169       |            |

[One Nation IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 11/15/24]

In The Same Tax Filing, One Nation Disclosed The Same Address For Law Firm Holtzman Vogel PLLC, Which Was One Of The Group's Largest Independent Contractors:

| Section B. Independent Contractors   |                             |                     |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Complete this table for your five highest compensated indeper<br>compensation from the organization. Report compensation for<br>organization's tax year. | ·                           | 00,000 of           |
| (A)<br>Name and business address   | (B) Description of services | (C)<br>Compensation |
| []   |                             |                     |
| HOLTZMAN VOGEL PLLC  | LEGAL SERVICES              | 468,182             |
| 15405 JOHN MARSHALL HIGHWAY  |                             |                     |

[One Nation IRS Form 990 via ProPublica, 2023, 11/15/24]

Holtzman Vogel's Website Lists 15405 John Marshall Hwy, Haymarket, VA 20169 As The Address Of Its Virginia Office:

#### Virginia Office

15405 John Marshall Hwy Haymarket, VA 20169 540-341-8808 (P)

[Holtzman Vogel Baran Torchinsky & Josefiak PLLC, accessed <u>06/24/25</u>]

The Holtzman Vogel Firm—Run By Longtime Republican Operative And "'Dark Money' Superlawyer" Jill Holtzman Vogel—Has Represented Some Of The Biggest Conservative Super PACs And Dark-Money Groups, Including Koch Groups And Republican Strategist Karl Rove's American Crossroads.

**Jill Holtzman Vogel Is Managing Partner Of The Holtzman Vogel Firm.** [Holtzman Vogel, accessed 06/24/25]

Jill Holtzman Vogel Has Been Chief Counsel And Deputy Counsel For The Republican National Committee And A Longtime Republican State Senator In Virginia:



#### Clerkship/Government Experience -

- Virginia State Senator, 27th Senate District (2007 to 2023)
- Chief Counsel, Republican National Committee
- Deputy Counsel, Department of Energy
- Deputy Counsel, Republican National Committee

[Holtzman Vogel, accessed 06/24/25]

 While In The Virginia State Senate, Holtzman Vogel Was Whip and Deputy Whip for the Republican Caucus And Was Also Republican Nominee For Lieutenant Governor In 2017. "Jill Holtzman Vogel is a nationally recognized attorney and recently retired from the Senate of Virginia after serving four terms representing the 27th District (2007-2023). She was also her party's nominee for Lieutenant Governor in 2017. During her tenure in the Senate of Virginia, she served in leadership as the Whip and Deputy Whip for the Republican Caucus." [Vogel Group, accessed 06/24/25]

Holtzman Vogel, Called A "'Dark Money' Superlawyer," Has Represented "Some Of The Nation's Largest Super PACs And Their Related Nonprofits, Which Are Often Called "Dark-Money" Groups." "In her bid to become Virginia's next lieutenant governor, Republican state Sen. Jill Holtzman Vogel campaigns as an ethics attorney who represents charities and nonprofit organizations. But her firm's specialty is helping wealthy donors, corporations and political action committees influence elections — often in secret. Vogel and her boutique law firm represent some of the nation's largest super PACs and their related nonprofits, which are often called "dark-money" groups because they are not legally required to disclose the names of their donors." [Washington Post, 10/14/17]

• HEADLINE: 'Dark-money' superlawyer bills herself as advocate for charities in Va. lieutenant governor's race [Washington Post, 10/14/17]

Holtzman Vogel Has Represented Koch Organizations Like Americans For Prosperity And Republican Strategist Karl Rove's American Crossroads. "Those entities include American Crossroads, the super PAC conceived by Republican gubernatorial candidate Ed Gillespie and strategist Karl Rove, as well as Americans for Prosperity and other arms of the conservative political network founded by billionaires Charles and David Koch." [Washington Post, 10/14/17]

Holtzman Vogel Became "One Of The Premiere Legal Shops" For Dark Money Groups Following The 2010 Citizens United Decision Allowing Unlimited Independent Political Spending. "Those groups took off in the wake of the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision, which found individuals, corporations and unions could spend unlimited sums on politics as long as they did so independently of campaigns and parties. And Vogel's firm — Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky PLLC, known as HVJT — became one of the premiere legal shops to help the PACs distribute their largesse." [Washington Post, 10/14/17]