# Freedom to Invest

# Defending Free Markets, Free Speech, and Investor Autonomy

Freedom to Invest brings together investors, businesses, and free market voices to protect their right to make sound financial decisions free from political interference. Our goal is simple: defend the freedom of investors and companies to assess all material risks and opportunities in decision-making to build long-term value—without government overreach.

# Let the Market Work-Keep Politicians Out of Private Enterprise

In America's free market economy, businesses and investors—not politicians—should decide how best to grow the economy, manage risk, and protect long-term value. Freedom to Invest champions a fundamental American principle: government should not unduly interfere with private enterprise or politicize investment decisions.

### **Protecting Core American Freedoms**

- Free Speech: Investors and companies have a constitutionally protected right to analyze and consider all financial risks, including energy costs, labor shortages, or weather-related events. That's capitalism.
- Free Association: Businesses must retain the freedom to collaborate, share information, and join initiatives that support them in reducing financial risk, creating shareholder value, and improving market transparency. Government bans on who investors can associate with violate liberties and the U.S. Constitution.
- **Free Markets:** State and federal politicians are increasingly pushing to ban certain investment strategies. These top-down mandates distort the market, increase economic costs, and set a dangerous precedent.

### The Consequences of Government Overreach

- Hundreds of bills in states nationwide have sought to block investors from using standard risk metrics, like severe weather trends or energy market volatility, in financial decisions. Most have failed because they would hurt taxpayers, retirees, and local economies.
- Higher borrowing costs for states and cities; reduced returns for public pensions; more bureaucracy, compliance mandates, and red tape.

# What Free-Market Voices Are Saying

"Protect pensions and investments from politicization. Do not ban nor mandate certain types of investment decisions that are outside the realm of maximizing return on investments by individuals or entities in the free market."

—An Open Letter to U.S. Congress from the National Taxpayers Union, Taxpayer Protection Alliance, American Action Forum, R Street, and Conservative Energy Network.

Freedom to Invest is about preserving the right of American investors and businesses to make informed decisions without political interference. It's about upholding free market values, fiduciary responsibility, and the belief that government should stop trying to pick winners and losers in the free market economy.