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Rick Hubbard

Hello. I'm Rick. Inviting you to join this walking effort across America to fix our broken democracy. Our federal political system isn't working right today. It isn't properly serving our common good. We're headed towards autocracy instead of strengthening our representative democracy.

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Rick Hubbard

Here's how bad it is. Most of us have lost our trust in Washington. We urgently need candidates and representatives who will fix our democracy to properly serve our common good. The system has been hijacked to ensure those with power keep it.

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Unscrupulous politicians are willing to corrupt and shatter the very institutions and rights that brought them to power. There's little correlation between getting elected and serving the will of the people. The two major parties prioritize their candidates reelection interests and the interests of their party and biggest campaign money contributors ahead of our public interests and common good.

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They rigged the system and set the rules to stifle competition from independent and third party candidates. They control the money, the debates and the primaries. They even draw their own voting districts. Congress is so regularly gridlocked, there's little progress on issues important to most of us.

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Rick Hubbard

Small percentages of our representatives can block actions that benefit the greatest percentage of us all. Meanwhile, almost half of U.S. families can't earn enough to afford basics like rent and food. We see the very rich becoming much richer.

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Rick Hubbard

While many see the collapse of the middle class and the working class base, low wages, dead end jobs, debt, homelessness, lack of health care and too little educational opportunity. For the first time since the Great Depression. Life expectancy in the U.S. is headed down as drug overdoses and suicides rise.

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Once a world leader for health care and education in advanced economies, we are now in the bottom quarter for health care and bottom half for education. Unaffordable, lifesaving prescriptions and medical bills are the reason most Americans file for bankruptcy.

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Our country is getting poorer, sicker, more divided, and our families are paying the price. There's an urgent need for a properly functioning government to serve our common good. The good news is that we can fix it. States create rules that run elections, even federal ones.

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So passing laws in your state to improve things makes the federal election work better. Here's what we can do. We can make our political system fairer, more inclusive, more competitive, and more representative. We can have independent commissions draw voting districts.

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We can make it illegal for lobbyists to donate to politicians so the representatives we elect better serve our interests. We can have campaigns publicly funded not by only 2% of us, as now, rather by 100% of all registered voters using just a small credit or rebate back from Texas we've already paid to use to support the candidates

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of our choice. That will dramatically change who candidates pay attention to. We can reform our political process to get more competition, more turnover, and better representation for our common good. Or if this can't be accomplished, set reasonable term limits on elected officials.

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We can adopt ranked choice voting to elect only those candidates a majority of us support, plus allow independents and third parties to run without spoiling elections. We can enact automatic and secure voter registration and vote from home ballots.

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We can have more people voting and secure elections and make it easier to vote. Millions of us are already involved and have already racked up more than 100 victories in cities and states across America. But millions more of us need to join in.

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And that's why I'm inviting you to join us. People near you are fighting for these improvements and need your help. So please sign up and be a part of the next victory in your state and organize and join Nonpartisan Citizen walks to fix our democracy in your community at dates and times, in concert with others across America

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in their communities, and only vote for politicians who will lead to fix our democracy. If enough of this act, together we can fix the system so government can work for you, your family and the rest of us. Not just for a handful of special interests and insiders.

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We can do it. We can fix our democracy, avoid autocracy, and unlock progress towards our common good. Join us. Thanks.