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Prior to joining PHI, Petroni managed the international reproductive and adolescent health program at the Summit Foundation and served as Chair of the Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health and Rights. In nearly a decade of public service in the federal government, Petroni worked on a range of issues related to global health, women’s empowerment and the environment.

Petroni has a BA in International Relations from the University of California, Davis; an MS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University; a certificate in Public Health in Complex Emergencies from Columbia University; and a PhD in Public Policy and Public Administration from The George Washington University.

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Charles Bailey, PhD
Director
Agent Orange in Vietnam Program
The Aspen Institute

Charles Bailey worked overseas for 33 years as a Ford Foundation executive and grant maker in Eastern and Southern Africa and in South and Southeast Asia. In 1997 he moved to Vietnam, where he headed the Foundation’s Hanoi office and served as the Ford Foundation Representative for Vietnam and Thailand until September 2007. During this time the Foundation made $95 million in grants for economic development, arts and culture, sexuality and reproductive health, higher education and international relations. In 1998 he began exploring ways to address the Agent Orange/dioxin legacy of the Vietnam War. He contributed to a breakthrough on this subject beginning in 2006 and mobilized further support and action on Agent Orange after returning to the U.S. in 2007. In 2011 Charles became director of the Agent Orange in Vietnam Program at the Aspen Institute. Charles joined the Peace Corps in Nepal. He holds a master’s degree in public policy from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and a PhD in agricultural economics from Cornell University.

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Bob Edgar, PhD
President and CEO
Common Cause
Former Member of Congress, 7th District, PA

Bob arrived at Common Cause in 2007 with a long history of leadership and public service. Previously, he was the general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA for seven years. Bob was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974, representing the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania for six terms. Bob led efforts to improve public transportation, fought wasteful water projects and authored the community Right to Know provision of Super Fund legislation. He also served on the committee that investigated the deaths of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and President John F. Kennedy. An unsuccessful run for the Senate in 1986 fueled his frustration with the undue influence of money in politics, and he became an active supporter of clean elections and campaign finance reform, issues that have long been Common Cause's hallmark. Under Bob’s leadership, Common Cause is exposing that corporations and billionaires are taking over our democracy and drowning out the voices of ordinary Americans.

Website: www.commoncause.org
Pat Schroeder, JD
Former Member of Congress, 1st District, CO
Celebration, FL

Pat Schroeder was born in Portland, Oregon, and had politics in her genes as her great grandfather served alongside William Jennings Bryan in the Nebraska Legislature. Graduating from Harvard Law in 1964, Schroeder worked at the National Labor Relations Board and taught before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1972 from Denver. The first woman to sit on the Armed Services Committee, she served there and on Judiciary for 24 years. She was a co-founder of the Congressional Woman's Caucus, chair of the Children Youth and Families Committee and on Post Office and Civil Service. Twice, she co-chaired Gary Hart’s presidential bids, and she also explored running herself. Retired in 1997, Schroeder taught at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. For over 12 years, she was president and CEO of the Association of American Publishers. Schroeder is chair of the English Speaking Union, vice chair of the Marguerite Casey Foundation and serves on the Common Cause board, among others.

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David Morrissey, MPS
Executive Director
US International Council on Disabilities

A leader in the nonprofit sector for over a decade, Morrissey has advanced missions of HIV/AIDS care and prevention, disability and independent living, and community volunteerism. He has presented internationally on developing disabled people’s organizations and the transition to adulthood for youth with disabilities, with particular focus on Vietnam and its disability community. As the 2007 Disability Policy Leadership Fellow for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, Morrissey was on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Expert Working Group on Transition at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. In 2010, he served as Private Sector Advisor in the United States delegation to the United Nations Universal Periodic Review of the U.S. human rights record. Morrissey was a member of the inaugural class of the Clinton School of Public Service where he earned his Master of Public Service degree and conducted service projects in the Arkansas Delta and in Vietnam.

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http://www.agentorangerecord.com/
NGOs Working on the Issue

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