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Dear Registered Lobbyists from Across the Nation:

The *National Institute for Civil Discourse* is working with the group of researchers from across the country listed below to explore and document your views of the state of civil discourse and capacity for bipartisanship and cross-the-aisle problem-solving in the state legislatures in which you represent your clients. This is the first study of this kind, and we are hoping you will take the time to share your thinking with us on the survey questionnaire.

**If you have already taken part in the survey, please ignore this message. If you know of a colleague -- a fellow lobbyist -- who would be interested in participating, please forward this invitation to him/her.**

You can access more information and the survey at:

<https://labs.wsu.edu/political-interaction/lobbyist>

Your participation is completely voluntary. Washington State University strongly supports the rights of research participants and the provisions established for the protection of respondent anonymity.

THANKS in advance for your participation. The group of scholars from several states spread across the country listed here wish you to know that the findings derived from the survey data gathered here will be broadly shared in our own states and at professional association meetings such as those of the American Political Science Association and its several regional associations in the South, the Midwest, New England, and the West.

- Ø William Schreckhise, University of Arkansas
- Ø John Pierce and Bird Loomis, University of Kansas
- Ø Stephanie Witt and Gary Moncrief, Boise State University
- Ø Brent Steel, Oregon State University
- Ø Daniel Chand, Kent State University
- Ø Megan Remmel, Bradley University
- Ø Christopher Simon, University of Utah
- Ø Francis Benjamin and Nicholas Lovrich, Washington State University
- Ø Rob Boatright, Clark University and the National Institute for Civil Discourse

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints regarding this research, please contact the primary investigator for this project, Francis Benjamin, at [benjamin@wsu.edu](mailto:benjamin@wsu.edu). If you would like to receive a summary of survey results, please send a separate e-mail to [benjamin@wsu.edu](mailto:benjamin@wsu.edu).

Sincerely,

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