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First Amendment advocacy group adds new communications manager

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Center for Competitive Politics (CCP) has hired Jeff Patch as its communications manager.

“Jeff is a strong addition to our team of researchers and legal experts in our efforts to advocate for First Amendment freedoms against so-called reformers who promise to root out corruption yet only deliver burdens on citizens rights to speak out and support the candidates and causes of their choice,” said CCP President Sean Parnell.

Prior to joining CCP, Patch researched earmarks as a budget fellow at the Cato Institute, served as the press secretary for Iowa Rep. Tom Latham and worked as a reporter at *Politico*. Patch started his career as a journalist, working as a correspondent for the *Des Moines Register* and the *Telegraph Herald* in Dubuque, Iowa. He holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism and political science from the University of Iowa.

“I’m excited to join the Center for Competitive Politics in their fight for First Amendment rights in politics,” Patch said. “The Center is on the front lines of defending Constitutionally-protected free speech rights that many of us take for granted. I’m thrilled to work with them to advance the national debate on the role of government regulation in campaigns and the importance of free speech for citizens and candidates.”

The Center for Competitive Politics is a non-profit organization founded by former Federal Election Commission Chairman Bradley A. Smith, currently a professor of law at Capital University Law School in Ohio. CCP’s mission, through legal briefs and litigation, research, education, and media communication is to protect the First Amendment’s political rights of speech, assembly, and petition.

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