

**INSTITUTE FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT**  
**POLICY STUDY TOUR: ANTI-CORRUPTION**  
**MARCH 4 – MARCH 15, 2012**

**Congressional Meetings**

- Meeting with **Kareem Takub**, Senior International Affairs Policy Aide to Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH).
- Meeting with **Joy Downey**, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Steve Stivers (R-OH).
- Meeting with **Robert Moore**, Policy Aide to Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC).
- Meeting with Congressman **Steve Chabot** (R-OH).

**Civil Society/Local Prevention Programs**

- Attended session with Guest Speaker **Leslie Page**, Vice President of Policy and Communications for Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW).
  - The Speaker discussed anti-corruption efforts in the U.S. by highlighting the role civil society organizations play in advocating for transparency, rule of law and developing policy initiatives.
- Meeting with **Amy Young**, Senior Advisor for Fraud and Corruption Initiatives at the Millennium Challenge Corporation.
  - The meeting focused on how agencies of the Federal Government play a role in identifying, sanctioning and preventing corruption through the development of transparency and anti-corruption policies.
- Meeting at the Heritage Institute with Ambassador **Terri Miller**, Director of the Center for International Trade and Economics and **Mark A. Kolokotronis**, Fellow for Economic Freedom.
  - Meeting emphasized the Institute's annually published Index of Economic Freedom, especially it's section on corruption.
- Meeting with **John Gizzi**, Political Editor for *Human Events*.
- Dinner with IRI's Women's Democracy Network (WDN) program.
  - IRI Vice President **Judy Van Rest** and WDN Director **Michelle Bekkering** facilitated a WDN-AWLI exchange of experiences and best practices to combat corruption and build a foundation for future cooperation.

**Local Government/Prevention Initiatives**

- Meeting with **Jo Ann Davidson** (former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and former Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee) and **Betty Montgomery** (a former Ohio State Senator, Attorney General, and State Auditor) at the Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute in Columbus OH.
- Meeting with **Paul Nick**, Ohio Ethics Commission Executive Director at the Inter-University Council of Ohio.
- Meeting with Justice **Yvette McGee** of the Ohio Supreme Court.
- Meeting with Ohio State Representative **Cheryl Grossman**.
- Roundtable discussion on Middle East Political Reform at the Ohio State University World Affairs Council.
  - Study tour participants headed up the roundtable and after a presentation conducted a question and answer time for a group of 50 students.
- Meeting with **Matt Mayer** (President of Provisum Strategies and visiting fellow at the Heritage Institute), at the Mershon Center for International Studies at The Ohio State University.
- Dinner with AWLI Chairwoman **Tami Longaberger**. The dinner also included some prominent Arab/American and other local leaders as guests for the evening.

### **Department of State and NED Meetings**

- Meeting with U.S. State Department's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Program Officer **Vanessa Brown**.
  - The AWLI participants met with MEPI, the primary funder of the AWLI program, to discuss the study tour program and potential follow-up activities.
- Meeting with National Endowment for Democracy (NED) staff **Laith Kubba** (Senior Director Asia, Middle East, North Africa), **Karen Farrell** (Senior Program Officer Middle East and North Africa), **Rahman Aljebouri** (Program Officer Iraq and Gulf), **Fatima Hadji** (Program Officer North Africa), and **Henry Huttinger** (Assistant Program Officer Middle East and North Africa).
  - The discussion centered on NED's role in funding the AWLI program and the possibility of follow-up activities.