

## THE STEADY STATE WELCOMES 43 ALUMNI FOR BIDEN

[The Steady State](#) welcomes the [43 Alumni for Biden](#) to the growing coalition of grass roots organizations that see the danger our nation is in, and are engaging on behalf of VP Biden. This growing movement is different than in any previous Presidential campaign, crossing partisan and party lines, and animated by patriotism and fear that our country is in danger.

The Steady State shares with the 43 Alumni another critical piece of “political DNA” — we are all veterans of service with the Federal Government. And we all know, that it is not a “swamp,” nor a “deep state,” but a body of committed, smart, hardworking people who have devoted much of their lives to service to our nation. We also know that the long serving “crew of the ship of state” are essential to its safe journey on whatever course our elected representatives chart.

Some members of the Steady State<sup>1</sup> served in the George W. Bush administration; others served previous administrations (Republican and Democratic), and still others were part of the “loyal opposition” during the Bush years. Many of us were allies, or opponents, of 43 Alumni members, battling over policy issues of great import. But in those battles, few doubted the patriotism and good faith of the “other side.” And that is how it should be in our democracy.

But the Trump years have departed from the norms of the American system that have lasted more than two centuries, and have not been in serious doubt since the Civil War. And we realize that what is now at stake is not a particular policy, a “conservative” or “liberal” approach to governing, or one or another foreign policy doctrine — rather the heart and soul of the nation is in danger, and the system within which we hold these debates, and resolve the conflicts, is under siege.

We look forward to working with the 43 Alumni, and many of the other groups that have sprung up in defense of the nation. Welcome.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Steady State](#) is a group of veterans of the U.S. National Security Community who believe that President Trump, unfit for the Presidency, presents a clear and present danger to America’s safety and security. The Steady State, including former Intelligence Officers, defense policy makers, Ambassadors and diplomats and Congressional staffers, have served the country during Democratic and Republican administrations. Some have been lifelong Democrats; others, Republicans; some are resolutely independent.