



Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

Thank you! I know you have been bombarded by various things from headquarters all while trying to finalize plans for your students attending Spirit of America and conducting award and fundraising programs. We appreciate all your hard work and the work of your members.

We are just two weeks away from the first chapter sponsored Spirit of America. We will have over 90 students in the program from Florida, Nebraska, Tennessee, California, Utah, and Pennsylvania. We look forward to seeing your students soon. Meanwhile, we are conducting our first Spirit of America program of the season this weekend with students sponsored by the Connelly Foundation, Ruritan, and our Valley Forge Chapter. Just a reminder if you have not done so yet please make sure we have a list of all your students and chaperones and their travel information. We are monitoring registrations daily and will update you on a regular basis.

It is going on almost 2 weeks since our official unveiling of Founding Forward. We appreciate your feedback and positive comments. We are very excited to really get things rolling. You may have already noticed some changes in our social media accounts, email signatures, and correspondences. More changes will be coming over the next couple of weeks. We hope that you have started to make these changes as well. Everyone should have received their new logos and the chapter toolkit. I realize that some of the links in the toolkit may have been disabled. Below are those links including the link to the new Founding Forward style guide. If you have not received your new logo or the toolkit, please let me know immediately.

IMPORTANT LINKS

- Letterhead: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jXj5AhY9j1UNo6Tdpk7tlmRuleTFelWT?usp=sharing>
- E-newsletter header samples (we will customize): https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DBRirj-GrNgv_wPT5PjWdt2O4I4lNKJV?usp=sharing
- Style Guide: <https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/01-Founding-Forward-Brand-Guidelines.pdf>

Along with the branding updates, we have the legal updates. All presidents were sent a DocuSign Group Exemption Agreement from Kira Foley-Tuzman, Executive Vice President and COO. Thank you to all who signed or reached out to discuss. This DocuSign email was resent today to all whose signature we still need. If you did not receive either email, please



check your spam folder and if you still don't see it, please let me know ASAP. The deadline to return the signed document is next Friday, March 1st. Attached to this email is a copy of my update from 2.16.24 that explains in more detail the National Chapters Group Exemption Agreement that you have or will be signing. If you have any questions or concerns, please follow up with Kira or me. You can reach Kira at foley-tuzmank@unionleague.org. Thank you for your assistance in completing this task.

As you begin to make the changes to your chapter name with your supporters, banks, and other places you do business with, there might be questions, or they might request additional information from you. I know that some of you have already encountered these requests. Please let us know. We are working on providing this information to the chapters in need and working on a guide that will assist you and your treasurers when dealing with situations that may arise. Look for something soon, but the more information we have from you about problems you might be encountering the better we can assist everyone. Your feedback to us is vital during this transition period. We are all learning.

Finally, just some other quick reminders...

- If you have not sent in your FY2023 financial reports, please do so as soon as possible.
- I know there have been many chapter events in February, please send me pictures and recaps so that I can include in a Spring E-Newsletter and on your webpages.
- As you continue to build out your calendar for 2024, please send me your event and program dates. Our team is interested in visiting as many chapters as possible this year.

Thank you all for your dedication. We can't thank you enough for all you have been doing in the first quarter of 2024. Soon you will see the impact as students return from their experience and share with you all they learned. You are making a big difference in the future of our nation. Thank you.

Reach out with questions and concerns. Stay safe and be well.