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From the Desk of the **PRESIDENT**



Dear Friend of FEE,

Socialism is in the news a lot these days. People who should know better are promoting it for the U.S., even as it flops miserably and predictably in Venezuela and elsewhere.

Well, socialism had a bad summer! I'm pleased to report that thousands of students from more than 60 states and countries learned why socialism is a bad idea at FEE's summer 2017 events—including our one-day and three-day seminars and solo presentations by FEE speakers. Here's a taste of the message:

Socialism concentrates wealth and power in the hands of the people whose weak character and breath-taking naiveté make them the most susceptible to corruption. It swipes what belongs to others and pushes people around, allegedly "for their own good." Its schemes are always compulsory, never voluntary. Its advocates spurn the most elemental lessons of history and economics because they think if they just try hard enough the next time, things will somehow come out differently.

Socialism promises peace and harmony, but preaches envy and theft, and delivers strife and conflict. It cynically buys off one faction at the expense of another. It denigrates personal responsibility and thrives on victimology. Socialists prefer mere expressions of good intentions over actual outcomes and reality. They foist dependency and paternalism on others instead of inspiring them to self-reliance, good character, and entrepreneurship.

Moreover, socialism never works very well except for the people who control it.

Support FEE. We know how to give socialists a hard time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence W. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Lawrence W. Reed
President



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FEE's **vision** is to bring about a world in which the economic, ethical, and legal principles of a free society are *familiar* and *credible* to the rising generation.

FEE has defined three strategic objectives to guide every program and to inform opportunities for growth:

- ① FEE will be the movement leader in knowing our customer.
- ② FEE will be the leader in introducing freedom as a life philosophy.
- ③ FEE will be a leader in the leveraged distribution of ideas on liberty.

HERPES CURE NEEDS FREE TO CHOOSE MEDICINE

By Lawrence W. Reed

Until recent weeks, I knew almost nothing about herpes. The few people I've known who admitted they had it didn't want to talk any more about it. Because of a longstanding and unfortunate stigma attached to the disease, far more people have it than most of us would ever suspect. Many around the world with severe cases suffer an agonizing ordeal in hopeless silence.

This is not a story, however, without hope. Quite the contrary. Thanks to a remarkable man who passed away on June 22, 2017 at the untimely age of 48, relief from the scourge of herpes may soon be a reality.

This is a story about a genius who challenged conventional wisdom, blazed new trails in scientific research, dedicated his life to helping others, developed promising new tools against a terrible affliction, and lighted a path for the policy changes needed to end the suffering of millions. His name was Dr. William P. Halford.

Now that I've come to know the Halford story, regrettably too late to have met the man himself, I feel compelled to share it with as many people as possible. More on Dr. Halford in a moment, but first a few words about the chronic and unrelenting contagion he did so much in his short life to defeat.

Infections by the two strains of the herpes simplex virus (HSV) are epidemic, generating every single week more than a million new cases worldwide. It's commonly thought that HSV-1, or oral herpes, manifests itself in blisters on the face or mouth, whereas HSV-2 attacks the genital region. In fact, both strains can cause the painful lesions anywhere on the body. In one form or the other, the disease has been recognized for at least two millennia. Ancient Rome's Emperor Tiberius reportedly forbade the act of kissing to combat a severe outbreak of herpes in the first century A.D.

Herpes symptoms vary widely in afflicted individuals. For some, those symptoms may never present more than an occasional and minor inconvenience. Others find the disease excruciating. Aside from the visual sores, the most unfortunate victims experience almost intolerable pain as the virus establishes itself in the sensory and autonomic ganglia of the

nervous system. When the virus is contracted by a pregnant woman, both she and her unborn fetus are at serious risk of lifelong complications. Evidence also exists showing that the more common HSV-1 can even lead to Alzheimer's Disease, meningitis, and blindness.

The standard treatment for herpes involves the use of anti-viral drugs that don't kill the virus but can inhibit its development and reduce some symptoms. In spite of decades of their usage, though, the epidemic remains largely unchecked. To Bill Halford, that meant the conventional approach had reached a dead end. He believed a new direction was needed, namely, the development of a live and "appropriately attenuated" (or weakened) version of the virus in vaccine form. He was determined to develop it, motivated in part by the fact that, in his words, "Never once, in the history of medicine, has a live-and-appropriately-attenuated viral vaccine failed to stop the spread of its corresponding disease in the human population." Nonetheless, Halford's theory was an unconventional one that ran counter to what science had heretofore believed, what drug companies were offering, what the medical establishment was prescribing, and what the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seemed willing to allow.

William P. "Bill" Halford was born in 1968 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in Marine Biology in 1991, and his Ph.D. in Immunology and Microbiology from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in 1996. He spent the last decade of his life at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, where he achieved the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Biology.

Tragically, Halford was diagnosed with cancer six years ago and given one year to live. He outlasted the prognosis by five years before finally losing his long battle with the illness on June 22, 2017. Reflecting on his life, the obituary in *The State Journal-Register* in Springfield, Illinois, noted that he "was a gifted scientist who attained international recognition following his twenty-five years of research on herpes simplex viruses. His studies were always guided by the premise that the fundamental purpose of medical research is to help people."

Halford worked tirelessly to realize his passion, the formulation of vaccines that would treat or eradicate herpes altogether. His cancer diagnosis and the plight of desperate herpes patients who sought his help only spurred him on. He ultimately developed four vaccines—a preventive one and a therapeutic one for both HSV-1 and HSV-2.

Before new drugs and vaccines can be tried, they face a gauntlet of barriers in the approval process at the (FDA). Some are defensible, but the FDA makes it far more expensive and time-consuming to get approval here in the U.S. than even in most European countries. Writing in *The Hill* last March, Bartley J. Madden and Susan E. Dudley explained:

FDA's primary goal appears to be to avoid risks of adverse side effects from approved drugs. This is the classic reaction to the lopsided incentives FDA faces; if it approves a drug that later shows undesirable side effects, the victims are visible and its officials get dragged before Congress and pilloried in the press.

On the other hand, when it delays approval of a promising drug that could improve patients' lives, the victims of delay are invisible; patients who die before the drug is available were unaware of its promise. As a result, FDA is rewarded for erring on the side of risk aversion, rather than for making better affordable drugs available to patients as soon as possible.

Before manufacturers can market and patients can benefit from a new drug, FDA requires three phases of clinical trials. These trials can easily take 12 years or longer and cost the sponsoring company \$2 billion or more.

Impatient with Washington, Halford injected himself, his family, and a group of ten herpes patients with his vaccine. None of his family exhibited any ill effects, evidence that the vaccines were safe. All the sufferers enjoyed dramatic pain relief, suggesting effectiveness. The early success of his research led him to co-found, along with film-maker and entrepreneur Agustin Fernandez, a company known as Rational Vaccines, Inc. Its mission is to fight the herpes epidemic worldwide, using the live, attenuated strains that Halford created.

Here's where a promising, innovative proposal enters the picture. It's called "Free to Choose Medicine" or FTCM. (See articles on it by Bartley J. Madden at FEE.org). If Congress won't reform the FDA or if the FDA won't reform itself, why not allow a separate track—a competitive alternative that would run alongside the conventional FDA clinical testing track?

Madden suggests that "after a new drug has successfully passed safety trials and shows initial effectiveness in early clinical trials, a drug developer could request that the drug be available for sale. Such an arrangement would allow for new drugs to be available up to seven years earlier than waiting for a final FDA approval decision." Surely patients for whom conventional drugs and therapies haven't worked ought to have the freedom to choose a promising alternative. Whose body is it, anyway?

Rational Vaccines plans to soon make the Halford vaccines available in Europe, likely years before the FDA gets around to allowing their use in the U.S. It will, in effect, be able to offer people outside the U.S. the freedom to choose that we Americans presently don't have here.

The Halford story and the persistent herpes epidemic are adding new urgency to the need for freedom of choice in medicine. If Congress endorses it, or if the new FDA head should embrace it, the result could be millions of lives helped, saved, or both. It would be a well-deserved tribute to the perseverance and compassion of Dr. Halford and other frustrated medical innovators.

On August 24, 2016, Dr. Halford wrote, "I am confident that I can put the ball across the goal line before my time is up, and show my scientific colleagues and medical professionals that we have the power to (1) stop the spread of herpes with effective HSV vaccines and (2) reduce the amount of suffering herpes causes in those already infected with effective therapeutic HSV vaccines."

Halford died ten months later, having carried the ball to within inches of the goal line. For the sake of the many who suffer from the disease of herpes, it's now up to the rest of us. Where Halford left off, Free to Choose Medicine can pick up the ball and score a big one for humanity.

What are we waiting for?

This article appeared originally at FEE.org on August 18, 2017. To read an unabridged version of this article and watch a short video about Dr. Halford, visit FEE.org/FTCM.



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FEECON 2017: ONE EVENT CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

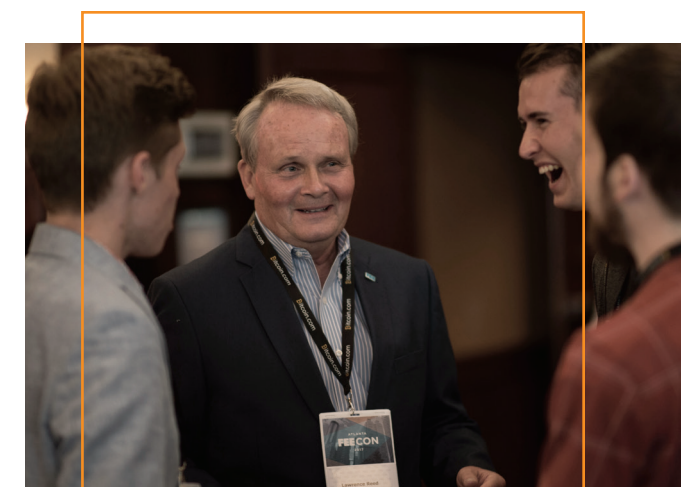
Nearly 700 people from over 40 U.S. states and over 20 foreign countries converged at the Omni Hotel in Atlanta's CNN Center June 17-19 for the largest and most ambitious seminar in FEE's history.

We are still buzzing at the FEE office from the excitement and energy generated at the first-ever FEEcon.

The idea for this new conference began one year ago when the students attending our seminars told us they wanted a larger, conference-style program with a range of content for varying educational levels and interests. They also wanted to explore opportunities to take "next steps" in free-market ideas.

Our partner organizations, who offer a variety of such opportunities, reached out to us to connect directly with our students. Our financial supporters told us they wanted to witness first-hand the returns of their investment in outreach to youth audiences while enjoying an educational experience of their own.

Meanwhile, we had been talking about expanding FEE's Annual Retreat to include more attendees and make it more accessible. After discussing the re-imagined seminars and the enhanced retreat as separate events, we realized we were really talking about different aspects of what should be the same event: FEEcon.



FEE President Lawrence W. Reed converses with students between sessions at FEEcon.



Kevin Harrington, entrepreneur and original investor on ABC's Shark Tank, shares his story of entrepreneurial success at FEEcon.

As FEE's president, Lawrence W. Reed, expressed in his conference welcome, FEEcon is a celebration of the uncommon heroes among us: entrepreneurs, innovators, wealth creators, and people of extraordinary personal character. With that in mind, FEEcon was designed to deliver powerful experiences to inspire and empower individuals at the conference to improve their lives and the lives of those around us.

THE FEECON ENVIRONMENT

The vast networking opportunities at FEEcon allowed our student audience to engage with successful entrepreneurs and student leaders. Our partners were able to connect with a community of people changing the world. FEE's supporters were able to attend all sessions alongside the students while still enjoying the VIP experience they've come to expect from FEE's Annual Retreat, which culminated with an on-field dinner at the College Football Hall of Fame and remarks by *National Review's* Kevin Williamson.

Attendees at FEEcon had the opportunity to customize their own conference experience across 70 sessions grouped into 10 distinct learning tracks. There were far too many incredible moments from the speakers, panels, and workshops to do them justice with a brief summary, but a recap of the inaugural FEEcon offers at least a glimpse into why so many students described this three-day experience as life-changing.

The *Entrepreneurship and Business Success* track was FEEcon's largest, both by number of sessions and total attendance. The panels' entrepreneurs reflected on lifetimes of experience in investment, innovation, and experimentation, discussed the virtue of wealth creation, shared personal stories, and offered actionable advice for starting and growing a business.

A theme throughout the conference was the development of real skills for professional success while learning foundational principles. To this aim, we dedicated an entire track to *Personal and Professional Development*. As part of it, Bob Ewing from the Mercatus Center and T.K. Coleman from Praxis led a communications workshop for aspiring leaders, FEE's own Dan Sanchez and Eileen Wittig teamed up with Casey Given from Young Voices for a writing workshop, and Robin Koerner offered tips for talking with and persuading people who don't already agree with you. During the final breakout session, panelists from America's Future Foundation, the Institute for Humane Studies, the Charles Koch Institute, and Generation Opportunity offered professional guidance to students so they can position themselves for their chosen careers.

Abbey Lovett, Sarah Knickerbocker, and Victor Agbafé advanced to the final round of the FEEcon Great Communicator's Tournament where they presented onstage in front of a live audience to a panel of judges. Congratulations to Abbey for taking first place and advancing to Think Freely's Great Communicators Tournament, to be held in Washington, D.C. in October!

FEEcon also hosted an entrepreneurship hackathon as part of the *Digital Solutions* track, in which 40 competitors gathered in teams to develop solutions for small business owners. The winning team developed a concept to automate social media content generation for small business marketing, taking home over \$3,500 in prizes.



Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales inspires FEEcon's 700 attendees with his personal story of failure and success, and his views on the principles of a free society.

FEEcon also featured a variety of tracks on the theoretical underpinnings of free and civil society.

In the *Economic Essentials* track, Donald J. Boudreaux explained how we can all use the power of economic thinking to better understand the world around us. Abby Hall pulled back the curtain on politics with an introduction to the economic tools used to deal with traditional problems of political behavior. Students learned about the role of the entrepreneur in the thought of the great Austrian economists during a talk by Ivan Pongracic.

Bradley Thompson, Executive Director of the Clemson Institute for the Study Capitalism, made the case that self-interest rightly understood is the only proper foundation for morality and capitalism in the *Political Philosophy* track. Later, Peter Jaworski explored the morality of market exchange, and Jason Brennan discussed the limits of democracy.



Caitlin Long—a FEE supporter, renowned Wall Street executive, and blockchain entrepreneur—speaks about digital currency during a breakout session.

In the *Policies for Economic and Social Progress* track, Dan Mitchell of the Cato Institute explained how excessive government spending undermines economic growth, Professor Spencer Banzhaf offered free-market solutions for a greener, cleaner planet, and Robert Enlow, president and CEO of EdChoice, illustrated the overwhelming evidence on the benefits of educational choice.

Our *Science and Technology* track highlighted the practical application of what's possible in a marketplace of free people when, as Leonard Read would say, we "leave all creative en-



Students listen intently during one of FEEcon's six mainstage lectures.

ergies uninhibited." Business leaders and policy experts from all over the country discussed the future of healthcare innovation and disruptive technologies that are changing the world. Among them, Caitlin Long of Symbiont explained how blockchain technology is transforming the role of trust in property relations. Stephen Pair, CEO of BitPay, and Mate Tokay, COO of Bitcoin.com—two of the world's leading experts on blockchain technology—spoke with Jeffrey Tucker about the future of digital currency.

The *Poverty Alleviation, Well-Being, and Prosperity* sessions included panels on income and class mobility and social entrepreneurship, plus a moving screening of Poverty, Inc. David Beito spoke about the role of black entrepreneurs and fraternal societies in creating the modern civil rights movement.

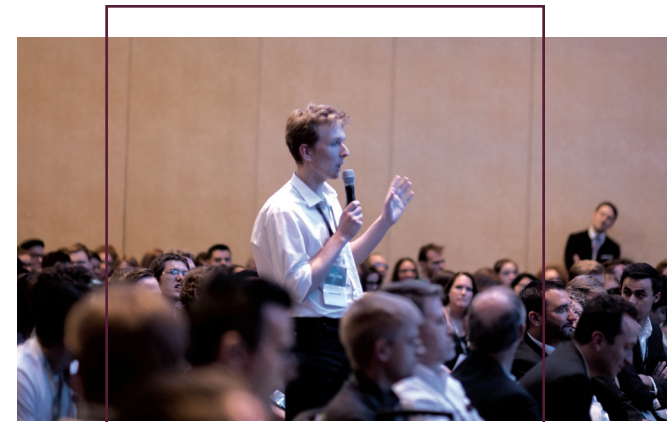


A student enjoys a laugh during one of FEEcon's 70+ breakout sessions.

An entire track sponsored by Market Urbanism centered on the challenges of city planning. As part of the track—*Urbanism, Development, and Your Neighborhood*—Sandy Ikeda explained the complex, spontaneous order of city development through the lens of Austrian economics.

During the *Creativity and Commerce* sessions, attendees heard powerful insights from a panel of professionals who have successfully followed their passion for a creative career. Sarah Skwire, Literary Editor of FEE.org, gave a talk on the Art of Liberty, and Sean Malone, Director of Media for FEE, moderated a number of panels. FEEcon also featured a screening room that showed inspirational short films made by FEE and our partner organizations.

Students enjoy an evening of entertainment and comedy.



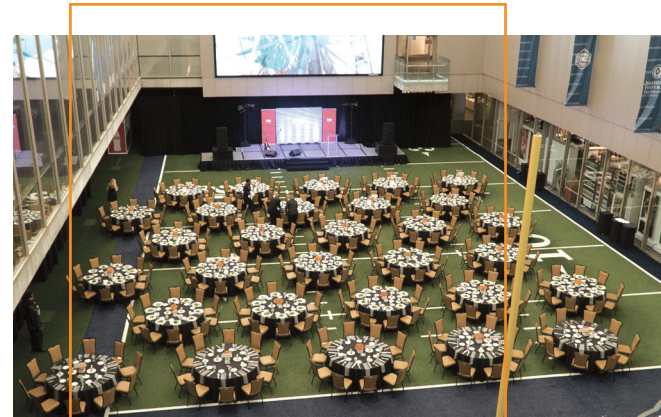
A student asks Wikipedia founder, Jimmy Wales, how he decided on the name for what is now one of the world's most visited websites.

FEEcon's keynote speakers told stories of turning dreams into tangible action even while overcoming challenges in the process.

Glenn Jacobs, entrepreneur and professional athlete, shared his personal story of overcoming failure on his way to success. According to Jacobs, one of the most important aspects of the free market is that it gives you the opportunity to fail, which in turn lets you learn more than you ever would have otherwise.

Jimmy Wales, founder of Wikipedia, joked about how proficient he had become at failing before starting the 5th most popular website in the world, and highlighted the role of F.A. Hayek and Ayn Rand in shaping his worldview.

Kevin Harrington, founding member of ABC's *Shark Tank* and inventor of *As Seen On TV*, shared his story of having to completely reinvent his business due to changing market demands.



FEE supporters attended a special FEEcon VIP reception and dinner on the field of the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

There was a self-empowering message at the heart of FEEcon: change is possible, and it starts with the individual. *You can change the world.*

Writing in 1967, Leonard E. Read understood this point well. As he wrote:

And that's the lesson which history teaches so clearly: Waste no time or energy on repairing mere recapitulations—humanity, society, civilization, the masses—over which the individual is utterly powerless. Dismiss the impossible! Instead, fasten the eye on that enormously potential entity which falls within one's own control, namely, self. Concentrate on the possible!



Philanthropist Howard Ahmanson and Independent Institute President David Theroux enjoy FEEcon's VIP reception at the College Football Hall of Fame.

Patrick Byrne, CEO of Overstock.com, and Magatte Wade, CEO of Tioissan, celebrated the power of entrepreneurship to improve lives around the world.

FEEcon is the conference for people to exchange ideas, make lifelong connections, gain new inspiration, and have an unforgettable experience, all with the ultimate goal of living a better life and changing the world.

All of this, of course, would not be possible if not for the generous supporters and over 40 sponsor organizations that joined us for the first FEEcon. **We would like to extend a very special thanks to the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation, Freedom Factor, Bitcoin.com, and Atlas Network for their significant sponsorships of FEEcon.**

We are more energized than ever as we begin planning FEEcon 2018! We intend to build on this year's success. Until the big day, we will stay in touch with those who attended, especially the students, and continue to nurture their interest in discovering what makes individuals and societies prosper and help translate their enthusiasm into action as they become ambassadors for free enterprise and strong character.

We expect this year's FEEcon will produce new partnerships in the U.S. and abroad. FEEcon is not a one-off event. It's a bridge to the future!

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Get to know the FEE TEAM



ANNA JANE PARRILL // Program Manager

How do you advance FEE's mission?

I advance FEE's mission by creating and innovating in-person programs for high school students. I educate young people about economics and try to unlock for them all the possibilities and joys of economic thinking. I really want young people to understand their importance as world change-makers, and if I can create experiences that leave them inspired, informed, and ready to take action, then I have done my job.

What were you up to before joining FEE?

Before I came to FEE, I worked in accounting consulting. I specialized in large, class-action financial settlements like the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, for example.

Who or what is your inspiration to advance freedom with FEE?

My favorite and most inspirational experiences are definitely with the students we have at our programs. When a talk or an activity allows a student to connect with economics, I feel a world of possibility open for them in their academic and personal pursuits. I love feeling like I have changed students' lives by providing them with new ways to look at the world.

What is something new you're doing at FEE?

I just wrapped up my first summer running our three-day high school seminars, and it was quite the adventure! I am sure I got a few white hairs from it, but the experience was incredibly rewarding. We had over 700 high school students attend seminars this summer, and we are looking forward to having even more students next year!

Currently, I am also planning over 25 one-day seminars beginning this fall for another 1,000+ high school and college students.



AFTER STUDYING BASIC ECONOMICS, MAYOR VETOES MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

By Brittany Hunter

There can be no denying that legislatively speaking, the Fight for Fifteen movement garnered huge wins during the last election cycle on both city and state levels.

No matter how much success or popularity an initiative manages to earn at the ballot box, there are economic laws that cannot be avoided, even when good intentions are accounted for—something some politicians are starting to figure out.

A COMPLETE 180

In March, Baltimore’s new Democratic mayor, Catherine Pugh, surprised her constituents by changing her position on the issue of raising the city’s minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

This came as a shock to those who had previously supported her during her mayoral run when she not only vocally promised to support the legislation, but also said in writing on a union questionnaire that, “I am aware of the current initiative to raise the minimum wage in the City Council to \$15 per hour and when it reaches my desk I will sign it.”

However, after she was elected into office and when the minimum legislation did reach the new Baltimore mayor’s desk, instead of signing the legislation, Mayor Pugh used her power to veto it!

Pugh, who had been only four months into her term as mayor, did what many mayors have not taken the time or had the courage to do: she actually researched the economic policies set to be implemented in the legislation, and the potential harm these policies could cause in Baltimore.

As a result of what she learned, Pugh decided she could no longer in good conscience support or sign the legislation when the economic repercussions were potentially dangerous enough to harm her entire city.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Like many economists who have warned against raising the minimum wage, Pugh worries that this will do more harm than good for Baltimore businesses.

As businesses are forced to adjust their expenditures to provide for these higher wages, many will be forced to cut back on individual employee hours, or cut jobs altogether, whether by moving toward automation or simply downsizing the business’s scale.

In other words, while \$15 an hour might sound like a great way to help the country’s lowest earners, the reality of the situation isn’t so simple. Employers will go out of business if they consistently pay workers more than the revenue their work brings in. If the minimum wage is higher than a worker’s marginal productivity, the employer will have no other choice than a layoff.

Pugh believes that a city-wide raise in the minimum wage could very likely cause Baltimore businesses to shut down if they are unable to afford the higher wages. Additionally, with so many workers vying for these “too good to be true” jobs, many Baltimore residents will likely look for jobs elsewhere, causing many to relocate to nearby Washington, D.C. or Virginia, and taking revenue away from the city.

Pugh isn’t the first politician to stand up and question the economic logic behind raising the minimum wage.

In fact, last year as he was signing California’s new minimum wage law into effect, which incrementally raises the minimum wage to \$15 by the year 2020, California Governor Jerry Brown said:

Economically, minimum wages may not make sense. But morally, socially, and politically they make every sense because it binds the community together to make sure parents can take care of their kids.

However, even though Brown openly admitted that raising the minimum wage “may not make economic sense,” he proceeded to sign the bill anyway, rather than face public scrutiny for making an economically sound choice.

Just this morning, the Baltimore City Council convened to discuss the mayor’s actions but failed to get the needed signatures to override her veto.

As it stands currently, Baltimore is safe from the wage crusaders, but this will be an ongoing battle as the utopian rhetoric of higher wages clashes with the economic realities of actually putting those policies into action.

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Get to know the FEE TEAM



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How do you advance FEE’s mission?

My job is to get the right educational products in the hands of students in a way that inspires them along a life-long journey to discovering freedom as a life philosophy. As a parent of two teens, I intimately understand our customers and what messaging opens their hearts and minds to the freedom philosophy. During the 2+ years I’ve been with FEE, my outreach efforts have increased the number of students attending our 1-day and 3-day seminars, and the number of users enrolled in FEE’s six online courses.

What were you up to before joining FEE?

Prior to joining FEE, I created Russian language curriculum for the National Cryptologic School (USAF), was president of our family business, served numerous school advisory

boards, taught ESL and citizenship classes to Jewish immigrants, and created finance curriculum for homeschool students.

Who or what is your inspiration to advance freedom with FEE?

I emigrated from the Soviet Union as a baby and was reared with a deep appreciation for the freedom and opportunity this country provides. My parents and Ayn Rand’s work laid the foundational, philosophical values I live by. I believe there is nothing more important than preserving freedom for the next generation, and FEE does this better than anyone else. When I hear students say FEE is “life-changing,” this just fuels my soul to reach the ends of the earth with our message.

What is something new you’re doing at FEE?

Currently, I’m developing partnerships with numerous mainstream organizations to bring FEE’s message to larger, more diverse audiences. For example, in September we’ll partner with the Boy Scouts in Denver, where FEE will provide nearly 100 Scouts with an introduction to free-market economics, which will count as credit toward the entrepreneurship merit badge. I am also leading our new Classroom Kit initiative, which will develop a vast teacher network for FEE while providing instructors with free books and study guides that focus on economics, freedom, and character.

FEE Around the COUNTRY



99 high school students attended the Economics of Entrepreneurship three-day seminar at Chapman University in June.



120 college students attended FEE's Discovering Entrepreneurship one-day seminar at Georgia State University in February.



Longtime FEE supporters, Thomas and Carol Ising, along with over 75 other Chicagoans, attended a joint cocktail reception with FEE and the Atlas Network in the Windy City in June.



Students enjoy an outdoor lecture on economics while attending FEE's three-day seminar at Oglethorpe University in July.



Students enjoy an ice-breaker game as they meet each other at the three-day Economics of Prosperity & Innovation seminar at St. Edward's University. 74 high schoolers attended this Austin, Texas seminar.

FEE welcomed 76 high school students in July to our three-day Economics of Entrepreneurship seminar at Lindenwood University in St. Louis. This was FEE's first time at this campus.



At 192 students, FEE hosted its largest-ever three-day high school seminar at Harding University in Arkansas. Here, students participate in the interactive "trading game" that teaches students about the basics of free trade.

FEE Campus Ambassadors Savannah Lindquist and Christian Newman wave the FEE flag at the campus of Wake Forest.



FEE welcomed 62 college students to our three-day Moral Foundations of Capitalism seminar at Clemson University in late May.



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