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# A Big Thank You to the Cato Legacy Society!

**F**or the past several years, gifts from Legacy Society members have been a significant source of support for the Cato Institute. By significant, I mean more than 10 percent of our total revenue last year. That is a big and important number—so thank you.

Gifts from Legacy Society members come in many forms, and all are welcome. Most frequently a gift of cash is made under a will. Sometimes Cato is designated the beneficiary of a retirement account. And occasionally, distributions from more complex vehicles, such as foundations or charitable remainder trusts, are involved.

Just as Legacy Society gifts come in a broad array, so too do the individuals who make up our Society. Over the past few years we have received gifts from a family medical doctor, a hedge fund manager, a professor, a successful businessman, a gun collector, an economist, a federal agent, a housewife, and many lawyers.

So I would ask you to think about this important “legacy” way of giving to Cato. It can be a wonderful way of making a gift that will endure long past your lifetime.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy of freedom, it is simple and straightforward to sign up for the Legacy Society—just send me an email indicating that Cato is part of your long-term plans and that you would like to be a Legacy Society member. You do not need to send me the details of your plans, nor do you



need to send me a copy of your will or other planning document. Of course, you are free to do so if you wish. We welcome, but do not require, any detailed information that you choose to disclose.

As a small thank you for their important commitment to Cato, each January Legacy Society members receive a Cato book, CD, or DVD. And, even if they are not making an annual contribution at the \$5,000 or above level, Society members are invited to attend our annual Benefactor Summit—held each February in some warm place! It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the Institute’s scholars and other Cato Sponsors.

Thank you again for your enduring support of Cato! ■

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ASPECT OF PLANNED GIVING—INCLUDING DRAFTING A BEQUEST TO CATO OR MAKING A BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION OF JOINING THE LEGACY SOCIETY—PLEASE CONTACT GAYLLIS WARD, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT, AT [GWARD@CATO.ORG](mailto:GWARD@CATO.ORG) OR AT (202) 218-4631.**