



Federal Accountability and Trust Force (FATF)

A Policy Blueprint for Universal Accountability

Purpose: To rebuild trust in government through transparency, accountability, and justice that applies equally to every office and official.

Executive Summary

The Problem and the Solution

The erosion of public trust is a national crisis fueled by the perception that a political elite operates above the law. Existing oversight mechanisms are either paralyzed by bureaucracy or routinely weaponized for partisan ends, allowing systemic corruption to continue unchallenged. The result is a cycle of deep public cynicism and official impunity.

The Federal Accountability and Trust Force (FATF) is the fundamental structural solution. It is established to end this cycle by creating an anti-corruption body that is structurally non-political, universally applied, and accountable directly to the American people.

The Five Pillars of the FATF Solution

The FATF achieves unprecedented independence and effectiveness through the following five structural pillars:

1. **Elected Leadership:** The Director of the FATF is an elected, non-partisan official with a single 7-year term, removing all dependency on any sitting political administration.
2. **Universal Access:** The Force guarantees that no official, regardless of rank, is beyond accountability, offering all citizens a secure, accessible channel for reporting corruption with mandated review deadlines (90-Day Action Clock).
3. **Insulated Review:** All investigation decisions must pass a three-member review panel, including the Director and a rotating, career Senior Inspector General representative, ensuring decisions are based purely on legal merit, not political pressure.
4. **Independent Oversight:** A Senate-confirmed Independent Oversight Board (IOB), removable only for cause, conducts procedural audits and issues an annual "Political Neutrality Certification," shielding the Force from accusations of bias.
5. **Perpetual Mandate:** The FATF is protected by a Longevity Clause that ensures it remains in continuous operation and cannot be dissolved or restructured except by an explicit Act of Congress.

The FATF guarantees that the law applies to everyone equally, restoring integrity to public service and rebuilding the bedrock of citizen trust.

Preamble: The Crisis of Trust

For too long, accountability in American government has been optional, circumstantial, or partisan. Systemic corruption, self-dealing, and the misuse of public office have eroded the public's faith in its own institutions. Existing oversight bodies are often hampered by jurisdictional limits, political influence, and chronic underfunding. We have witnessed the partisan weaponization of oversight mechanisms, which further divides the nation and allows genuine corruption to thrive in the shadows.

The Federal Accountability and Trust Force (FATF) is established to end this cycle. It is a fundamental executive reform that removes accountability from partisan control and grounds it in a permanent, non-political structure. The FATF guarantees that no official, regardless of rank or party, is beyond the reach of the law, restoring integrity to public service from the local courthouse to the halls of Washington.

Section 1: Leadership and Non-Partisan Appointment

1. Elected Director of Accountability: The Director of the Federal Accountability and Trust Force (FATF) shall be an elected, non-partisan office.
 - The Director shall be elected by the people of the United States in a federally administered, nonpartisan election conducted under the authority of the Federal Election Commission (FEC).
 - The term shall be a single, fixed, non-renewable 7-year term.
 2. Accountability to the People: This electoral mandate establishes the Director's independence from any single political administration or party, ensuring the Force's loyalty is to the electorate and the law alone.
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Section 2: The Universal Access Mechanism (Transparency in Mission)

1. Establishing Authority and Mission: The FATF is established by Executive Order within the Department of Justice, mandated to investigate criminal violations of federal law related to the misuse of public funds and trust.
 - Adjustable Structural Fix: The FATF is designed to operate at every level of public service—from local offices to federal agencies—ensuring no official, regardless of rank, is beyond accountability.
2. Primary and Alternative Submission:
 - A secured, encrypted online portal shall serve as the primary point of submission for all FATF referrals.
 - Alternative paper-based options shall be available through federal field offices to ensure accessibility for all citizens.
3. Tiered Intake Review and Action Clock:

- A 90-Day Action Clock is established, requiring the Triage Cell to conclude its jurisdictional review on all non-emergency referrals within 90 calendar days.
 - The decision to decline or refer a case to local authorities must be documented and signed by the FATF Chief Legal Counsel to ensure the decision is legal, not political.
4. Whistleblower and Privacy Assurance: The citizen channel is formally linked to existing Federal Whistleblower Protection Act procedures, and all records adhere strictly to the Privacy Act of 1974 and federal retention standards.
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Section 3: Command and Oversight Balance (Secrecy in Operation)

1. Director's Review Panel: Before any major federal investigation is initiated, the proposal must be reviewed and approved by a three-member panel: The Director, the career Senior Litigation Counsel (Chief Legal Counsel), and a rotating Senior Inspector General Representative.
 2. Due Process Protection: All FATF investigative actions shall respect constitutional protections of due process and presumption of innocence.
 3. Emergency Authority and Oversight: The Director may bypass panel approval only in exigent circumstances (e.g., imminent destruction of evidence), with immediate notification to the IOB Chair and full review during the next quarterly audit.
 4. Funding and Resources: The FATF shall be primarily funded by the DOJ's Assets Forfeiture Fund (AFF), prioritizing proceeds seized from criminal public corruption enterprises.
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Section 4: Independent Oversight Board (IOB) (The Ultimate Safeguard)

1. Constitutional Independence: The IOB consists of members appointed by the President and Senate-confirmed for fixed, non-renewable 8-year terms, and can only be removed for cause (e.g., misconduct, incapacity).
 2. Expanded Procedural Audit: The IOB's mandate includes reviewing the Case Procedure Compliance of all investigations to ensure due process is rigorously followed and conducting an audit of the FATF's Dual Audit Trail (internal ledger and DOJ Inspector General system).
 3. Political Neutrality Certification: The IOB shall publish an annual "Political Neutrality Certification," verifying that no investigation was initiated, delayed, or terminated based on the political affiliation of the target. This review adheres strictly to Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, protecting Grand Jury secrecy.
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Section 5: Longevity and Integration Clause

1. Perpetuity of Operation: The FATF shall remain in continuous operation beyond changes of administration and may only be repealed or restructured by an explicit Act of Congress.
2. Continuity of Accountability: All records, assets, personnel, and investigative authorities shall be transferred intact to any successor entity created by law to ensure the continuous flow of accountability.

Section 6: Annual Public Accountability Report

The FATF shall publish an annual report summarizing aggregate data including total complaints received, number of investigations initiated, and funds recovered through prosecutions. The report shall exclude identifying details and adhere to all federal privacy and grand jury secrecy laws.