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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I write to you with a dual perspective: I am one of Niskanen's newest employees and have long been one of its board members.

During my time on the board, I developed a firm appreciation for, and understanding of, Niskanen's vision, strategy, and effectiveness. Following a brief and smooth transition from my friend and predecessor Ted Gayer, I now have the privilege of presiding over an extraordinary team as we chart a course for even greater impact.

Lest there be any doubt, Niskanen remains dedicated to its originating synthesis: The national interest is best served by fostering a vigorous market economy for all, while also attending vigilantly to the social welfare of all. Our approach also remains as ever: We conceive, propose, and advance public policy solutions founded in evidence, formulated with logic, and focused on results.

At the same time, we must and will adjust to the magnitude of the moment. There is dysfunction in our government and disjunction in our society. These trying times ask us both to lift our eyes to the horizon, watching for near-existential threats and generational opportunities, and to keep our heads down, looking intently at what we can do today and the literal tomorrow.

I know Niskanen's people; they maintain that perspective and that focus every day. They – and I – can see the path forward to a reconstructed liberalism. It is a grand vision.

We at Niskanen believe our original synthesis can drive a reconstructed liberalism that resolutely defends and advances the principles of our country's foundation, the practices of the world's most productive large economy, and the people who shape and share our national character. Yet it must be acknowledged that these noble values are not enough: To thwart the ambitions of ethnonationalist authoritarianism, reconstructed liberalism must deliver for all Americans.

Safety, prosperity, happiness, and other social goods result only if policy ideas are both sound in theory and sensible in practice. As one of the few think tanks that brackets its policy

papers, presentations, and proposals with foundational theory analysis and government affairs lobbying, Niskanen is distinctively capable of fashioning policies that work and then putting them into practice. In short, we think before we act, and we act after we think.

Our candid, diagnostic monographs and essays inform our normative prescriptions, perhaps most prominently of late by seeding the well-advertised abundance agenda. Our state capacity work develops and implements best practices for sensible reconstruction of the modern administrative state.

Our subject matter policy areas – Climate and Energy; Criminal Justice; Immigration; Family Policy; and Housing and Transportation Policy – reflect our discipline in selecting issues where we might have the greatest impact.

As detailed throughout this report, that impact is manifest in legislation proposed, shaped, and adopted, and in papers and presentations that prompt and inform meaningful discussion and constructive debate.

In all, we operate with broadmindedness in thought and generosity of spirit; we believe these are as essential as good ideas in presenting an appealing alternative to the rigid doctrine and dispiriting repressiveness offered by illiberal populism.

As I trust is evident, the future can be bright for Niskanen and, more consequentially, for our nation. But there is a lot of work ahead for each to shine strongly and steadily and to push back the shadows presently looming across the path forward.

We understand the stakes. We believe in our cause. We have confidence in our work. And, with your help, we know that we can achieve the grandest of our ambitions.

At Niskanen, we are thinking (and doing) for America's future.

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About the Niskanen Center

Named the “The Most Interesting Think Tank in American Politics” by TIME Magazine in 2023, the Niskanen Center promotes policies that advance prosperity, opportunity, and human flourishing, guided by the belief that a free market and an effective government are mutually dependent.

We are forging a new vision of American governance that draws on ideas from across the ideological spectrum, an approach made possible by our independence from rigid political coalitions. Our ideological openness gives us credibility to work with a broad range of actors, meeting them on their own terms and helping them converge on policies they might support for different reasons. We thus aspire to be a voice for the hopes and ambitions of Americans who feel shut out by the hostility of our politics.

We advocate for a government that provides social insurance and essential public goods, fosters market competition and innovation, invests in state capacity, and does not impede productive enterprise. We are committed to the principles of liberal democracy and an open society that encourages engagement, cooperation, discussion, and learning.

Fundamental principles of American democracy are coming under stress amid our intense polarization. At Niskanen, we commit not only to defending those principles but also to redeeming them by demonstrating that our system can deliver for its people.



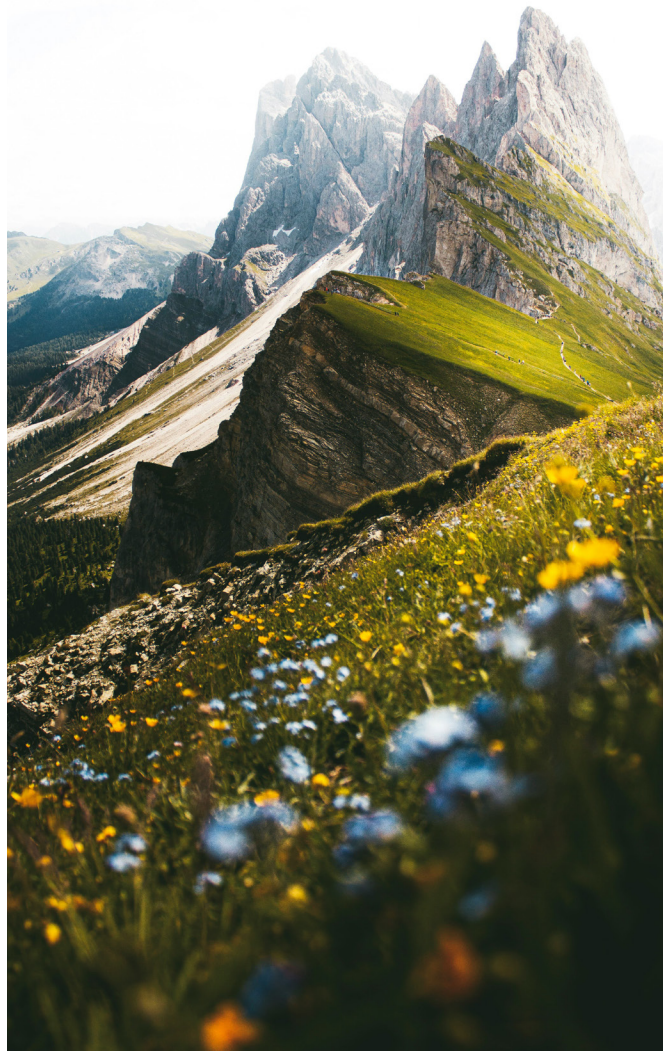
Climate

From its founding in 2015, the Niskanen Center has championed targeted federal climate and energy policies that reduce carbon emissions while also supporting economic growth. Rising electricity demand — much of it from data centers serving the artificial intelligence industry — and increasing weather volatility are straining the grid’s capacity. These pressures underscore the need for practical solutions that address climate change, maintain energy affordability, and strengthen U.S. competitiveness.

Meeting these challenges requires modernizing the infrastructure that underpins the energy system. In September, Director of Climate Policy Liza Reed and Senior Transmission Policy Analyst Rachel Levine hosted a congressional briefing, “Strengthening the Grid: HVDC Policy and Congressional Action.” The event brought together national security, clean energy, and conservative climate policy experts to examine the opportunities and barriers associated with high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission. The briefing built on a [July 2025 report](#) by Levine and Senior Fellow Robin Allen, which introduced HVDC technology and outlined its potential to improve grid reliability and reduce costs. The report also analyzed the effects of winter storms on U.S. military bases and surrounding communities, highlighting the implications for military readiness. Niskanen identified the areas in which where HVDC offers advantages over existing transmission technologies and recommended policy reforms to accelerate its deployment.

Niskanen’s work on carbon pricing and border adjustment mechanisms focused on the practical challenge of product-level carbon accounting, — an essential component of effective border adjustment policy. In his [October report](#), Policy Analyst Jia-Shen Tsai examined competing carbon accounting frameworks and advanced the case for e-ledgers,” a model that is transparent, scalable, and interoperable. The report was widely cited by collaborators as a clear and accessible primer, reinforcing Niskanen’s role as a translator of complex policy debates.

We also defended market mechanisms in court, supporting the state of Michigan’s challenge to the Department of Energy’s use of emergency authority to keep a coal plant operat-



“Niskanen is one of the most effective partners to get to work with—sharp analysis, strong relationships on the Hill, and a consistent ability to translate big ideas into actionable policy progress. Environmental permitting is getting better in America and they are one of the reasons why.”

TIMOTHY MALE

Managing Partner & Founder, Environmental Policy Center

ing beyond its planned retirement. The brief exemplified the quintessential Niskanen approach: rigorous, pro-market analysis presented in clear, accessible terms, and applied to a live dispute at the entailing grid reliability and climate policy.

Throughout the year, Niskanen served as a bridge across the policy, technical, and legal dimensions of the energy transition. Energy Policy Manager Kenneth Sercy organized a geothermal panel at the Energy Bar Association's spring meeting, and Reed led a session on inter-regional transmission at for the organization's fall meeting. Levine moderated a panel discussion on FERC Order 1920, on updating regional electric transmission planning at the Energy Systems Integration Group Spring Conference and participated in a state policy convening hosted by the National Association of State Energy Offices.

The Niskanen Center's climate and energy team remains a leading voice for pragmatic, market-oriented policy. At a time when energy debates are increasingly polarized — and when rapid technological change and rising demand are reshaping political coalitions — we continue to focus on durable, evidence-based solutions that resonate with policymakers and the public alike.

"Niskanen is helping drive valuable collaboration behind critical new ideas to align infrastructure growth and grid expansion with linked increase in conservation and mitigation."

ANDREW MILLS

Managing Director ACC Action

"Energy policy works best when it's grounded in evidence. That's what the Niskanen Center delivers. Their work on transmission reform and clean energy has given my office practical, well-researched analysis that helps us craft policy focused on affordability and reliability for American families."

U.S. REP. MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS
(R-IOWA)

Criminal Justice

In 2025, the Criminal Justice Program marked its fourth anniversary with its most successful and results-driven year to date. Through original research, high-impact convenings, and sustained engagement with federal and state policymakers, Niskanen strengthened its position as a hub for pragmatic, evidence-based criminal justice reform. Our mission remained clear: advance policies that make the justice system more effective, efficient, and grounded in the best available evidence.

Throughout the year, the criminal justice team worked closely with Republicans and Democrats across the country to advance public safety policies that deter crime, reduce violence, and address substance abuse while also lowering incarceration through smarter, more targeted interventions. Our work was guided by the three core principles of prevention, proportionality, and predictability, ensuring that reforms enhance public safety while upholding fairness.

It was our first year of direct state advocacy, and Niskanen delivered tangible results. Among other accomplishments, the team helped pass legislation in Texas and Utah establishing grant programs to improve clearance rates, enabling law enforcement to solve and deter more violent crimes. Similar proposals are now being advanced in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ohio. In Florida, Niskanen secured unanimous legislative approval for a two-county pilot program to reduce criminogenic substance abuse – that is, behaviors producing or leading to crime. Though ultimately vetoed by the governor on budgetary grounds, the effort laid important groundwork for future reform.

Niskanen’s research and commentary continued to offer policymakers concrete solutions to reduce the interrelated costs of crime and punishment. Niskanen elevated a central insight: certainty of punishment – not severity – is the most solid foundation for public safety. The team also advanced evidence-based strategies, improving police deployment through better use of data and leveraging electronic monitoring to relieve pressure on overburdened corrections systems.



“Niskanen’s criminal justice team has been a strong partner in promoting rigorous research in a way that policymakers and people in the field can use. They’ve also been a leader in growing the economics of the crime community—one of the most dynamic groups of researchers currently studying social problems.”

JENS LUDWIG EDWIN A. AND BETTY L. BERGMAN

Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

“The Niskanen Center has been an invaluable partner in my work to help advance a smarter approach to public safety. Their team brought the research, policy expertise, and practical support to turn good ideas into successful legislation.”

TYLER CLANCY

Former Member, Utah House of Representatives

This work was complemented with a series of high-impact events that expanded our reach and influence. Niskanen’s second annual summer convening in Newport, R.I. brought together leading experts, practitioners, and advocates on the theme “Certainty as the Foundation of Justice.” Widely praised for its depth and engagement, the convening reinforced our role as a thought leader in pragmatic reform. Niskanen also hosted our second annual end-of-year dinner at the National Academy of Sciences, featuring a retrospective discussion of Boston’s Operation Ceasefire with the researchers who developed the model three decades ago.

The team also played a central role in shaping the second “Public Safety Boot Camp,” sponsored by Arnold Ventures. The event convened more than 100 state legislators from across the country to engage with leading researchers – including Niskanen senior fellows – on evidence-based strategies to reduce crime and incarceration.

Through rigorous research, strategic advocacy, and coalition building, the Criminal Justice Program is reshaping the national conversation on reform. Our approach continues to attract new allies, and with a strong foundation and growing momentum, Niskanen is well-positioned to deliver even greater impact in the years ahead.



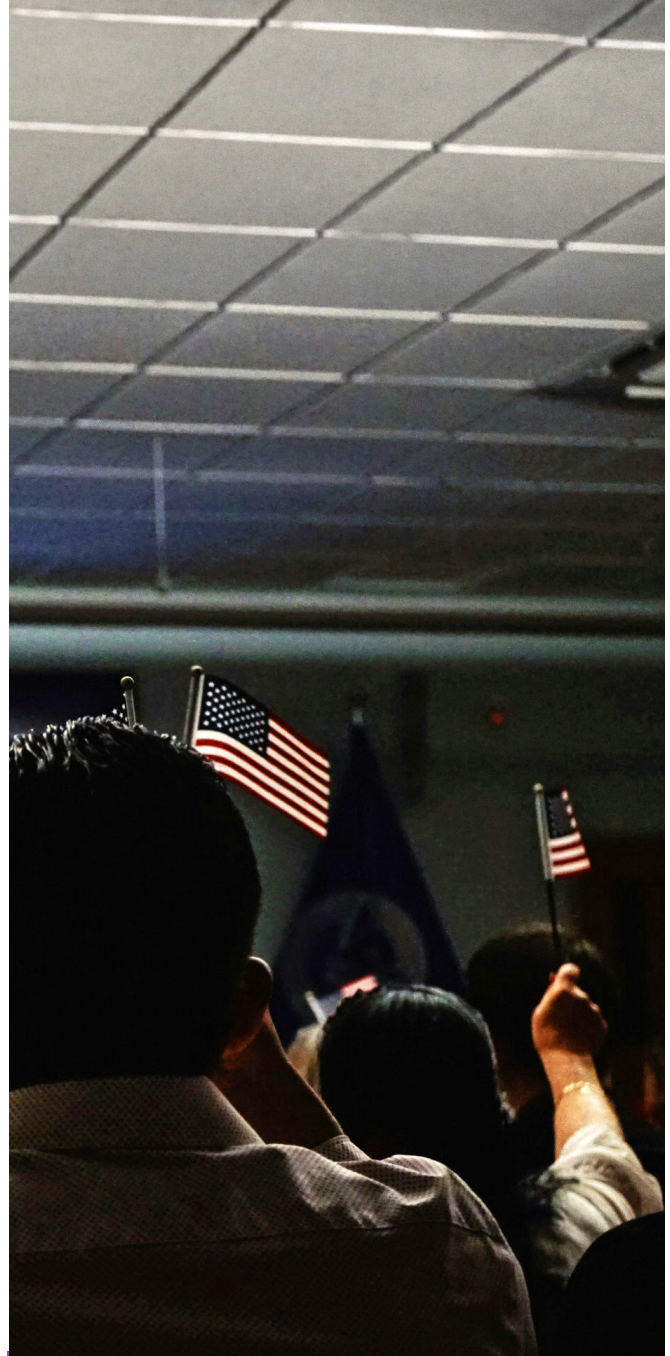
Immigration

The Niskanen Center’s immigration team entered 2025 with a pragmatic understanding that a second Trump administration would bring significant changes to both border policy and the legal immigration system. With a mandate focused on enforcement – and a playbook for reshaping legal pathways through executive action – the administration created a rapidly shifting policy environment. In response, our team intensified its efforts to analyze emerging policies in real time, advance pragmatic solutions, and make the affirmative case that immigration remains a strategic asset for the United States.

The team’s flagship publication, [Immigration Beyond the Extremes: A Blueprint That Actually Works](#), marked a milestone. Drawing on more than a decade of Niskanen research and advocacy, the report rejects ideological maximalism in favor of practical, evidence-based solutions grounded in core American values. Organized around six mutually reinforcing pillars – enforcement, admissions, institutional capacity, humanitarian protection, integration, and strategic foreign policy considerations – the blueprint offers a cohesive and politically viable path forward. It has quickly become a touchstone for policymakers and advocates seeking to move beyond stale debates toward durable reform.

On Capitol Hill, Government Affairs Manager and Immigration Policy Director Lindsey Warburton advanced a compelling, data-driven case for strengthening the immigration court system. Her analysis demonstrated that funding 1,000 additional immigration judges through reconciliation was essential to clearing a backlog of nearly 4 million cases and ensuring the integrity of both enforcement and asylum processes. That case helped shape the final One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which included \$1.25 billion to fund immigration judges – a clear reflection of sustained congressional engagement.

Senior Policy Analyst Cecilia Esterline continued to advance forward-looking reforms to strengthen the legal immigration system. Her report [Modernizing the H-2A Visa: Practical Reforms to Fuel American Farms](#) outlines concrete, widely supported policy changes to stabilize the agricultural workforce. She also launched [Niskanen’s immigration data page](#), a regularly updated resource tracking USCIS process-



“In a debate often defined by division, the Niskanen Center stands out for its commitment to practical, bipartisan solutions. Their research helps pragmatic policymakers cut through the noise and focus on solutions that modernize our immigration system, grow our economy, and reflect who we are as a nation.”

REP. GREG STANTON (D-AZ)

ing times, visa issuances, and other key indicators. The tool is already an indispensable indispensable for journalists, researchers, and policymakers seeking to understand the real-time effects of policy changes.

The team also expanded its work at the state and local levels. Senior Policy Analyst Cassandra Zimmer-Wong developed the [Migration Match Index](#), a county-level model identifying where labor demand and housing availability best align to support successful newcomer integration. By offering a practical framework to match migrants with communities where they are most likely to thrive, the Index provides actionable guidance for policymakers, employers, and local leaders.

“Niskanen’s work on immigration remains an essential voice, especially this past year. Partnering with the Niskanen team at the intersection of immigration, workforce, economic, and healthcare issues strengthens the impact of our shared policy and practice efforts.”

KIT TAINTOR

Senior Director, US Policy and Programs
Office of Social Impact

Senior Policy Analyst Gil Guerra deepened the Immigration team’s engagement with foreign policy. In a [widely cited report](#), Guerra examined how immigration policy can strengthen alliances, shape geopolitical competition, and advance U.S. interests abroad.

Senior Policy Analyst Claire Holba authored a [major retrospective](#) on the Welcome Corps, the private refugee sponsorship program that Niskanen helped conceive and implement during the Biden administration. Her analysis documented how more than 160,000 Americans across the country signed up to sponsor refugee families. The retrospective stands as both a record of the program’s remarkable community-based success and a testament to how the U.S. can welcome newcomers in a way that is popular despite the current political climate.

Across research, policy development, and public engagement, the immigration team continues to advance a clear goal: a system that is functional, fair, and aligned with America’s long-term economic and strategic interests.



Social Policy

The Niskanen Center advances a vision in which well-designed social policies complement free markets to deliver the best possible outcomes for workers and families. On the supply side, this means fostering competition, innovation, and abundance in healthcare and housing. On the demand side, it means protecting workers from economic shocks and strengthening families. Through rigorous research, insightful reports, and strategic engagement on Capitol Hill, the team made significant progress across healthcare, housing and transportation, and work and family policy.

In healthcare, the team focused on translating its abundance agenda into concrete policy change. Building on efforts to make America healthy again, there have been significant reforms that better align incentives to direct more support to primary care, including new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services rules on Medicare physician payments and site neutrality. The Niskanen Center also championed international physician licensing reform at the state level. With reforms now enacted in 21 states, Niskanen is well-positioned to support implementation and ensure these policies deliver on their promise to expand access and reduce shortages.

At the same time, our expanded housing and transportation team worked to elevate housing abundance as a central concern in Congress. In particular, significant strides have been made towards number of our priorities in the ROAD to Housing Act, which brings together bipartisan provisions—including Housing Supply Frameworks; Build Now Act; Innovation Fund; Accelerating Home Building; Build More Housing Near Transit; Housing Supply Expansion—into a comprehensive, bipartisan legislative package. Niskanen worked closely with the offices of Senators Tim Scott (R–SC) and Elizabeth Warren (D–Mass.) to craft a proposal capable of attracting broad bipartisan support in the Senate. While this work remains ongoing, there is reason for cautious optimism that meaningful housing reforms could make gains in the coming year.

Complementing these supply-side efforts, our Work and Family team focused on strengthening core safety net programs. Throughout the year, the team advanced reforms to unemployment insurance and child tax credits, emphasizing improving program integrity and modernizing program



“I appreciate the Niskanen Center’s partnership and support in helping develop the Child Tax Credit I proposed in my budget. By replacing the existing dependent exemption with a fully refundable credit, this proposal would deliver about \$30 million in annual relief to Rhode Island families who need it most while remaining simple and fiscally responsible. It’s an important step forward in our work to make Rhode Island more affordable for working families.”

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR DAN MCKEE (D)

“One of the signature wins for working families in the One, Big, Beautiful Bill is a permanent, expanded child tax credit. I’m grateful for organizations like the Niskanen Center that provided thoughtful research and analysis to lawmakers and their staff to demonstrate the remarkable benefits for families that this credit will now deliver.”

REP. JASON SMITH (R-MO)

Chair of House Ways and Means Committee

“Our families are seeing rising costs across the board and losing trust in government because we’ve made it way too hard to build the things we need. As Chair of the bipartisan Build America Caucus, I’m grateful for the incredible efforts at the Niskanen Center to help identify costly red tape and support pro-growth policies that unleash America’s full potential.”

U.S. REP. JOSH HARDER (D-CALIF.)

Co-chair of the congressional Build America Caucus

administration. By focusing on upstream design choices and their downstream effects on access and delivery, the team has helped reestablish momentum for reform after years of policy stagnation.

These efforts also shaped the broader federal tax debate. With the expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 promoting the Republican trifecta to plan for a partisan reconciliation process, Niskanen worked with a coalition of fiscal and social conservatives to make expanding the act a priority. By providing a tailored set of policy options and rationales, Niskanen informed legislation that resulted in its permanent expansion, increased the value of the nonrefundable portion, and indexed the credit going forward.

At the state level, Niskanen continued to make inroads in more conservative states such as Ohio, Indiana, and Montana, where legislators introduced refundable child tax credit bills for the first time during their 2025 sessions supporting families.



State Capacity

At a moment of growing bipartisan urgency on government effectiveness, the State Capacity Initiative has emerged as a leading voice for pragmatic, implementation-focused reform.

In 2025, the team expanded to five full-time staff, supported by an expanding network of senior fellows and commissioned researchers with deep expertise in digital service delivery, immigration implementation, and the realities of navigating government bureaucracy. In a policy space often marked by shallow analysis, partisan gridlock, and recycled reform ideas, the initiative stands out for its commitment to rigorous analysis and actionable, evidence-based solutions.

Building on the foundation we laid out in our 2024 report, [A Capacity Agenda for 2025 and Beyond](#), the team advanced work across four core pillars: civil service modernization, administrative procedure reform, digital infrastructure, and policy-outcome feedback loops.

Throughout the year, we reached key audiences through a wide range of publications and engagements. Senior Program Manager Gabe Menchaca examined the evolution of the civil service alongside its current disruptions. Senior Policy Analyst Alex Mechanick developed targeted analyses of the Paperwork Reduction Act and procedural fixes in housing and permitting. Regular contributors Ann Lewis, Jen Pahlka, and Solitaire Carroll explored how the government must organize to deliver modern, effective software systems. Abundance Coordinator Matthew Meyers began assembling ideas and convening stakeholders shaping the emerging abundance agenda.

On Capitol Hill, Government Affairs Manager Amanda Patarino continued to deepen our bipartisan relationships, positioning the initiative as a trusted resource for offices and communities. The team fielded dozens of requests for guidance – on federal pay policy during a government shutdown to technical assistance on draft legislation and administrative procedure in permitting reform – laying the groundwork for major legislative opportunities in 2026 and 2027.

Looking ahead, the initiative is poised to deliver an ambitious next phase of work. Menchaca will publish a comprehensive civil service reform agenda, laying a foundation for stronger



“When I was designing the curriculum for the Congressional Technology & Policy Fellowship, I needed resources that could bridge the world of policy and the world of implementation — in plain language, without sacrificing rigor. I kept coming back to the same source: Niskanen. The How We Need Now, the Product Operating Model, How to Save a Billion Dollars — these aren’t theoretical frameworks. They are practical, accessible translations of a genuinely complex problem: why does government so consistently fail to deliver on its promises, and what can actually be done about it?”

EMILY TAVOULAREAS

Director, Congressional Technology and Policy Fellowship, Georgetown University

“Based on our experience remedying the FAFSA form’s functionality and delivering a much-improved product to students and their families, we strongly support the product-operating model outlined in the Niskanen report.”

AARON LEMON-STRAUSS

Executive Director FAFSA Program Federal Student Aid

state capacity. Mechanick will release a framework for administrative procedure reform designed to shape how the government sets and executes rules. Carroll is leading a case study on the Department of Veterans Affairs’ transformation of digital service delivery, while Senior Fellows Ur Jaddou and Emilee Hyams are conducting an in-depth assessment of how to strengthen USCIS implementation capacity.

But legislative reform alone is not enough. Scaling impact requires embedding state capacity principles across civil society and within government. To that end, we are developing practical tools to help practitioners pair subject-matter expertise with proven implementation strategies to achieve better outcomes.

Through rigorous research, practical tools, and sustained engagement with policymakers and practitioners, the State Capacity Initiative remains committed to strengthening the government’s ability to deliver results for the American people.



Impact

The Niskanen Center has solidified its role as one of the most influential and trusted voices shaping the national policy conversation. Over the past year, our ideas did not simply enter the media ecosystem—they helped drive it, reaching millions of readers, listeners, and viewers across the country’s most consequential platforms.

Niskanen analysis is consistently cited and featured in the most prominent and influential news outlets, with our analysts shaping coverage in publications that set the agenda for policymakers and opinion leaders. From front-of-mind debates over administrative capacity and immigration reform to emerging challenges in energy, housing, and healthcare, Niskanen experts were not just quoted—they were relied upon to frame the stakes and define the terms of debate. Among the many key outlets in which Niskanen remained a constant presence are the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Bloomberg*, *The Atlantic*, *CNBC*, *Politico*, and the *Financial Times*.

Our opinion writing also continues to reach some of the most influential editorial pages in the world. Niskanen analysts and fellows placed op-eds in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *The Atlantic*, among others—platforms that directly inform lawmakers, business leaders, and national decision-makers. Niskanen’s experts also placed op-eds in key local outlets on issues essential to their respective audiences, including *The Boston Globe* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. All of these pieces—whether in broadly read national outlets or local papers—advanced pragmatic, evidence-based solutions

while reinforcing Niskanen’s distinctive voice: serious, solutions-oriented, and grounded in institutional renewal.

At the same time, Niskanen’s reach extended well beyond print. Our work resonated across leading podcasts and streaming platforms, where policy conversations increasingly take shape. Niskanen experts appeared on widely-listened to and circulated podcasts, including the Ezra Klein Show (*New York Times*) and Megan McArdle’s *Reasonably Optimistic* (*Washington Post*).

This cross-platform presence—spanning elite print media, high-impact op-ed pages, and influential podcasts—has positioned the Niskanen Center not just as a participant in policy debates, but as a consistent agenda-setter. Our ideas are reaching broader audiences, shaping how issues are understood, and helping to build durable, bipartisan pathways for reform.

“The contributions of the Niskanen Center to the advancement of clean and reliable energy resources have been instrumental in shaping a stronger, more secure energy future. I’m grateful for their support of my VET Act, bipartisan legislation that helps connect transitioning servicemembers with high-quality jobs in America’s energy and advanced manufacturing sectors.”

CONGRESSWOMAN JEN KIGGANS (VA-02)



DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Our digital and social media footprint continued to support and amplify our relationships with journalists, policymakers, academics, and thought leaders.

A single post promoting a major report on the diverse actors within the Abundance movement reached over 800,000 people, with over 2,400 engagements (likes, reposts, clicks, etc.) from Derek Thompson, independent journalist; Kaiser Kuo, host of the Sinica podcast; and Virginia Postrel, author of *The Future and its Enemies*; and many others.

On LinkedIn, we grew our audience of 5,000 to almost 8,000 and have tripled engagements on our posts. Our most active audiences there are in the immigration and state capacity spaces, and it's become a vital way to inform our audiences about major programs and initiatives. A single post about our Summer Institute received 18,000 views and drove over 2,000 clicks. Overall, our reach on the platform was up 200% and our engagement up by 39%.

This year, we launched a new website and visual rebrand, emphasizing Niskanen's commitment to synthesize the best policy ideas across the ideological spectrum and our optimism about the ability of these ideas to improve Americans' lives. The new site introduces several updates to user experience, including an improved search function, the ability to filter content by subject matter, and an improved long-form reading experience.

"The Niskanen Center brings serious policy depth to the permitting reform conversation. As we build consensus through the Problem Solvers Caucus, their research and analysis have been a valuable resource in crafting practical, pro-growth solutions."

REPS. GABE EVANS (CO-08) AND SCOTT PETERS (CA-50)

Co-Chairs of the Problem Solvers Caucus Permitting, Energy & Environment Working Group

PODCASTS

Niskanen's biweekly podcast, "The Science of Politics"—hosted by political scientist and senior fellow Matt Grossmann—celebrated its 9th year of helping listeners make sense of the ever-evolving terrain of American politics. The show is a crucial and recognized bridge between academia and political elites, illuminating the dynamics of democratic policymaking and providing a data-driven understanding of the political landscape upon which the struggle between open and closed societies is fought. Among the many prominent guests to join Grossmann this year included Tyler Cown (Mercatus), Matthew Yglesias (Slow Boring), Molly Reynolds (Brookings), and Laura Field, author of the best-selling new book *Furious Minds: The Making of the MAGA New Right*.

Niskanen's other podcast, "The Vital Center," hosted by Vice President of political studies Geoffrey Kabaservice, celebrated its 5th year. Featuring an array of accomplished guests—including Jonathan Rauch (Brookings) and authors Virginia Postrel and Mark Dunkelman—the podcast highlights current academic scholarship, political literature, and the Niskanen Center and other nonpartisan institutions' political initiatives.



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