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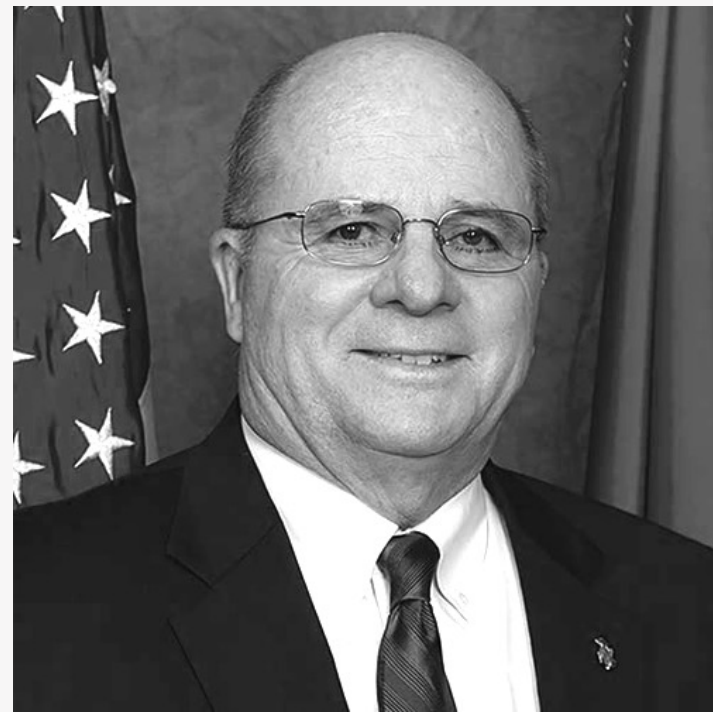


Reason for
Hope



Reason for Hope exists to save lives in this
unprecedented mental health crisis.

WHO WE ARE



**LtGen Martin R. Steele
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Co-founder and CEO of Reason for Hope and the VMHLC, former COO of the USMC, and President and CEO of the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum



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Nationally recognized subject matter expert, Baylor SOM, Yale Dept. of Psychiatry.



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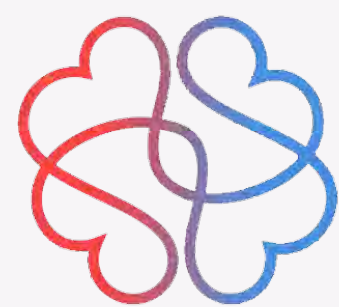
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Attorney specializing in political legislative campaigns in DC and in large states. Served as the Senior Policy Advisor to Biden-Harris on Equity, Justice and Drug Policy.

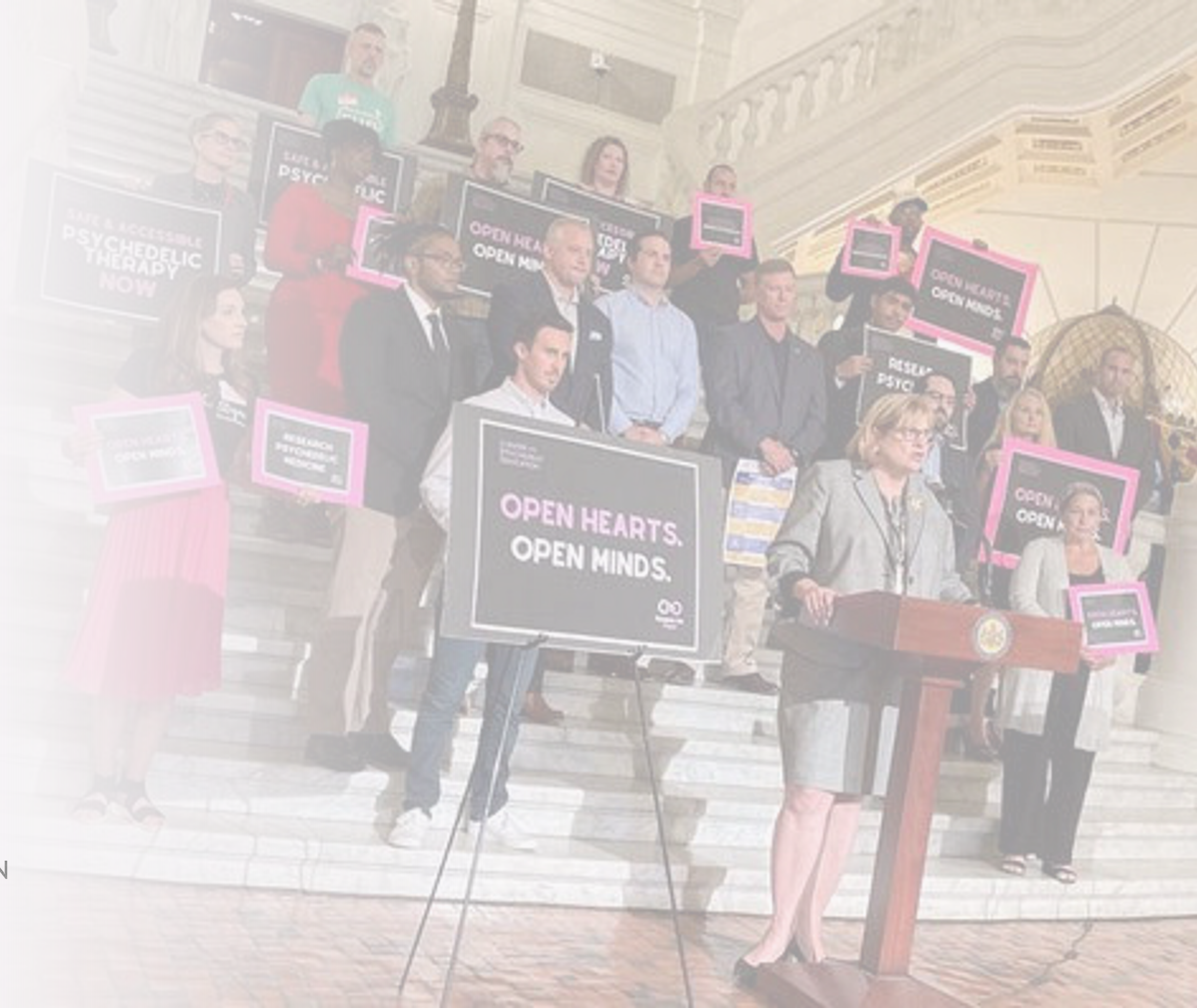
LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Uniting the Veteran community
to change hearts and minds.

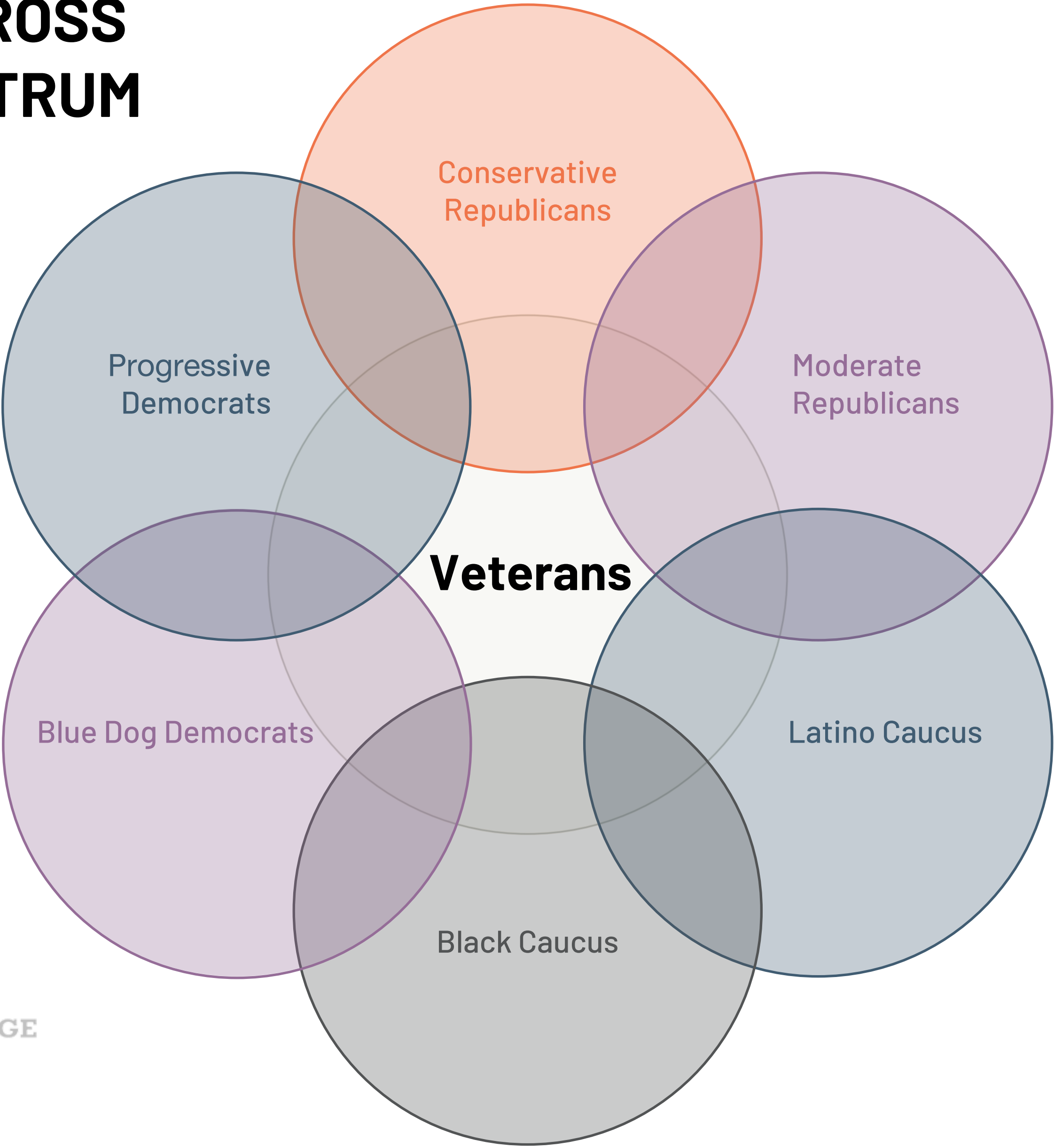
Over 20 veteran organizations
and growing by the week.



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BUILDING POWER ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM



POLICY: A COORDINATED STATE & FEDERAL STRATEGY

- The Breakthrough Therapies Act
- Pilot programs
- Regulatory streamlining



WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

Reason for Hope has become a **trusted partner in crafting state and federal policy**

In 18 Months we have:

- Seeded a federal interagency task force
- Passed the first psychedelic pilot program legislation in the country
- Authored landmark federal legislation with Senator Booker and Paul
- Positioned state legislative reforms with national political influence

POLITICS

Connecticut Cites FDA Program to Launch Psychedelic Therapy Pilot



BY NOAH DALY
MAY 27, 2022



After receiving bipartisan support from representatives of the Connecticut state legislature, Governor Ned Lamont signed a [tax bill](#) that includes a pilot program that will provide psychedelic-assisted therapy, using MDMA and psilocybin, to qualifying veterans, retired first-responders, and frontline workers such as police and firefighters. Originally drafted as the [House Bill 5396](#), the program is designed to give access to psychedelic medicines to a population deprived of options for mental health treatments, ahead of FDA approval.

The Intercept

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION PLANS FOR LEGAL PSYCHEDELIC THERAPIES WITHIN TWO YEARS

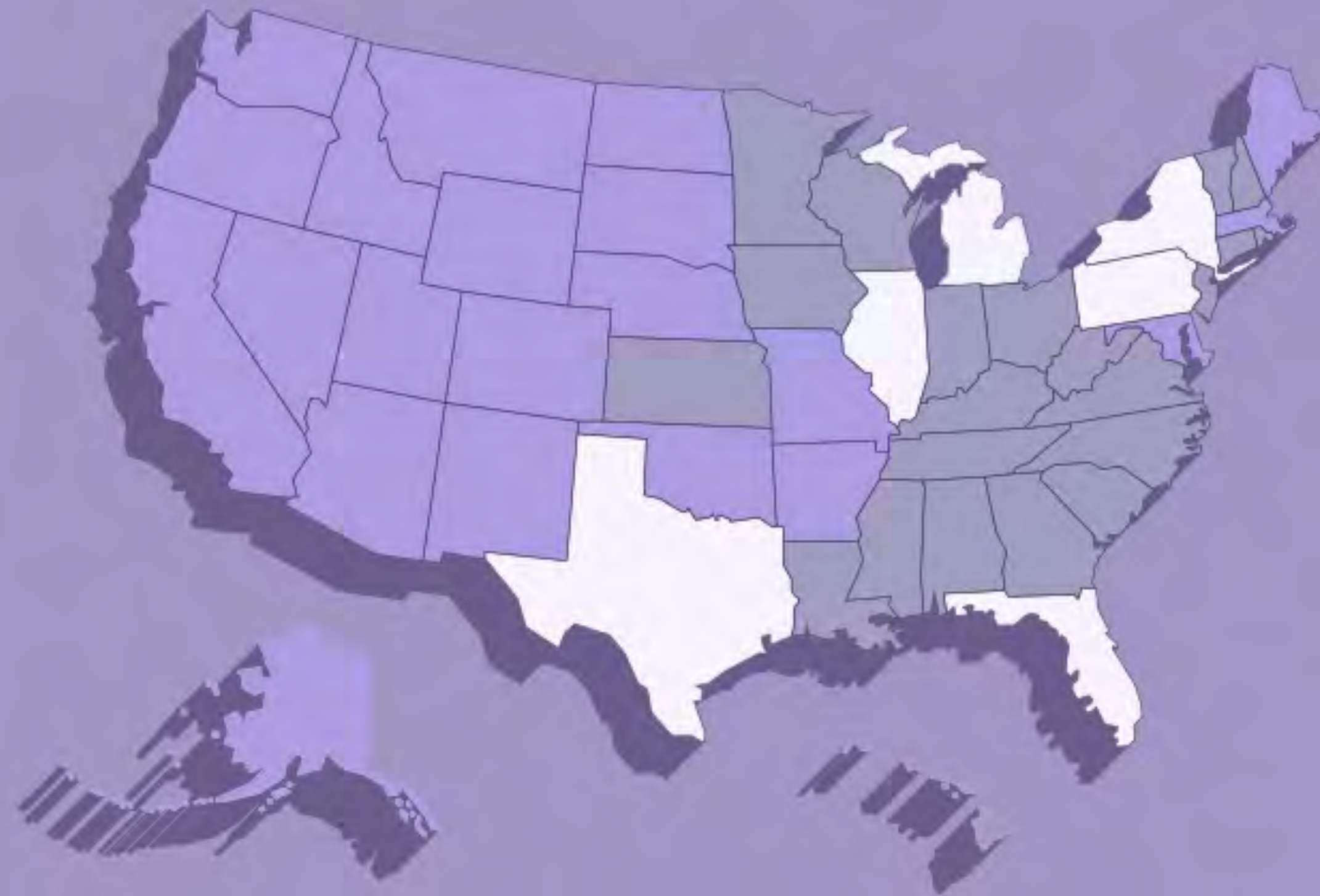
A letter from the Health and Human Services Department discloses the anticipated FDA approval of MDMA and psilocybin treatments.

Matthia Busby

July 26, 2022, 5:07 p.m.

Twenty-six states have **initiative** and/or **veto referendum** processes at the statewide level. Half of the states are not eligible for ballot measures, many of which are the most influential to national political narrative.

- Initiated statutes and amendments
- No initiative or referendum
- Target states



IMPACT

Shifting the national narrative on psychedelics one state at a time.

5.7 Million Veterans live in our target states

With up to **\$100 million** of state funding on the table in 2023

\$435,000

Lobbying Capacity

\$260,000

VMHLC Operations

\$730,000

Reason For Hope Operations

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR WORK



Legal entity name: Reason for Hope, Inc.

Tax status: 501(c)(3)

EIN number: 87-2435191

Bank wiring instructions: [REDACTED]

Contact: Haley Waters **Email:** [REDACTED]

To donate by check: Reason for Hope, Inc.

To donate by PayPal: [REDACTED] (or use the QR code below)



Legal entity name: Veteran Mental Health Leadership Coalition, Inc.

Tax Status: 501(c)(19) status pending

EIN number: 92-0694493

Bank wiring instructions: [REDACTED]

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