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## **THE AMERICAN CORNERSTONE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES JOHN GIBBS AS FIRST FOSTER FRIESS FELLOW**

**WASHINGTON** - Today the American Cornerstone Institute (ACI) announced John Gibbs as the first Foster Friess Fellow. The Foster Friess Fellowship will be awarded to individuals who exemplify the cornerstones that made our nation a beacon of liberty and a freedom for the rest world: Faith, Liberty, Community, and Life.

“Foster Friess was a true patriot, that dedicated his entire life to defending and preserving freedom for this generation and many to come,” said ACI Founder & Chairman Dr. Ben Carson. “It is my honor to award this fellowship to John Gibbs, a man that holds those same values so dear. John’s background in government and vast experience in public policy will make him a tremendous asset to the American Cornerstone Institute.”

“Much like Foster Friess, John Gibbs embodies the principles that guide the American Cornerstone Institute and our nation each and every day,” said ACI CEO Andrew Hughes. “I am looking forward to the great work that John will do to advance and protect faith, liberty, community, and life in our society.”

With more than 20 years of experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, John was most recently appointed by President Trump as Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where he oversaw an annual budget of \$8 billion for programs addressing homelessness, community development, and disaster relief. In addition to the annual budget, he led the successful deployment of more than \$9 billion in CARES Act funds in response to coronavirus.

Prior to his service at HUD, Mr. Gibbs led teams as a Christian missionary in Japan. Using his fluency in Japanese, he trained churches and other groups on how to reach the vulnerable using technology, and deployed homeless outreach strategies for Japanese churches.

Before that, Mr. Gibbs was a software engineer in Silicon Valley, where he worked at Symantec, Palm, and Apple, playing a key role in the development of landmark technology products including industry-leading intrusion detection software, and the very first version of the iPhone.

Mr. Gibbs hails from Lansing, Michigan, and is a published author, having written academically on the application of Behavioral Economics to policymaking. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Stanford University, and a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

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