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**HONORABLE DR. TOM COBURN JOINS AMERICAN TRANSPARENCY,
OPENTHEBOOKS.COM, AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN.**

Burr Ridge, IL – Today Adam Andrzejewski, Chairman of *American Transparency* and Founder of the transparency website *OpenTheBooks.com*, announced that former United States Senator Tom Coburn is joining the organization as Honorary Chairman.

Honorable Dr. Tom Coburn's statement:

“Open the Books is doing the work I envisioned when the Coburn-Obama transparency bill became law. Their work is so important because so few groups – or elected officials – do it, and fewer do it well. The tasks of oversight and transparency are difficult, and don't always guarantee short-term success or recognition. But, over the long-term, this work is indispensable. During my service I saw how small reforms, and discoveries, can generate huge savings and create greater opportunity and freedom for all Americans. I'm encouraged that Open the Books is accepting this challenge.”

Adam Andrzejewski, Chairman, American Transparency & Founder of OpenTheBooks.com statement:

“As a U.S. Senator, Dr. Tom Coburn helped pioneer a culture of transparency and oversight. At OpenTheBooks.com, we are committed to carrying forward Coburn's robust legacy. We deeply appreciate Dr. Coburn's courage, principles and national leadership and are extremely privileged to have him as our Honorary Chairman.”

Background Honorable Dr. Tom Coburn:

Muskogee, OK. Former U.S. Congressman, United States Senator and 2014 Time List: 100 Most Influential People in the World. Co-Sponsor of 2006 “Google Your Government Act” which opened United States Government checkbook spending to online transparency for the first time in history. Identified the “Bridge to Nowhere” in Alaska which helped to end the congressional practice of wasteful earmarks. Coburn's annual Wastebook was an oversight primer on federal taxpayer abuse. An entrepreneur with a career in obstetrics, Dr. Coburn delivered over 4,000 babies before the Senate passed a rule to stop his practice of medicine. Married to Miss Oklahoma (1967), Tom and Carolyn Coburn raised three girls.

Background OpenTheBooks.com:

OpenTheBooks.com is one of the world's largest private databases of public spending. Currently, we post online over 1.895 billion government spending records including nearly all disclosed federal government spending since the year 2000 and 48 of the 50 state checkbooks. We were the first-to-market with our Open The Books mobile app free for Apple and Droid to hyper-localize the federal checkbook by ZIP code. In 2013, it received the “best app” award by the prestigious Web Marketing Association and The Wall Street Journal recognized our ground-breaking work by publishing Andrzejewski's editorial, *Track Government Spending on Your Phone*.