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Lisa Graham Keegan is founder and president of the Education Breakthrough Network, a national “one-stop-shop” and online community for all organizations and individuals who offer or support school choice.

Mrs. Keegan's expertise and outspoken nature have made her a sought after education reform expert who works with national education leaders, the media, U.S. Congress, state legislative bodies, business groups, policy organizations, community groups, and the education industry.

From 2001 through 2010, she was a consultant to numerous education organizations, and served as education advisor and spokesperson for the McCain 2008 Campaign for President.

Prior to 2001, Mrs. Keegan spent a decade serving as an Arizona state official, where she led that state's education reform movement. She served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the House Education Committee where she authored much of Arizona's education reform legislation, then was the elected state school chief for two terms.

In Arizona, Mrs. Keegan fought successfully for the implementation of school choice, including Arizona's landmark charter school and tuition tax credit laws. She also led efforts to revise the state's school finance formulas to reflect a commitment to equal access and excellence ...a job she considers unfinished.

In March of 1999, Drs. Milton and Rose Friedman personally presented Mrs. Keegan with the first Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation Award for Leadership in Educational Choice. She was honored in the same year by the National Republican Women Leaders Forum as Educator of the Year. In 2000, she was education advisor to the John McCain Campaign for President, and was then interviewed by President-Elect Bush for the job of US Secretary of Education. This year, The Arizona Chamber of Commerce awarded Keegan with their Milton Friedman Innovation Award in recognition of her impact on education.

Her work has appeared or been cited in such publications as The Wall Street Journal, The Weekly Standard, Newsweek, Forbes Magazine, Education Week, and Phoenix Magazine. She has also discussed education issues on NPR, The PBS News Hour, Fox News Channel, CNBC, and local stations nationwide. She recently co-authored the education chapter for Newt Gingrich's 2010 bestseller, “To Save America”.

Mrs. Keegan graduated from Stanford University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts in human language. She earned a Masters Degree in communications disorders from Arizona State University (ASU) in 1983. Keegan lives in Peoria with her husband, former Justice of the Peace John Keegan, who served as Mayor of Peoria, Arizona for a decade. They have five children and one grandson.

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