Congressional Stock Trading Ban & Public Integrity

Dr. Nizam Razack believes public office is a public trust not a tool for personal enrichment.

Members of Congress should never profit from insider knowledge, classified briefings, legislative influence, or political connections while hardworking Americans struggle with inflation, rising costs, and economic uncertainty.

The American people deserve to know their elected officials are serving the country not gaming the stock market behind closed doors.

If politicians consistently outperform Wall Street using privileged government access, the system is broken.

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Dr. Razack's Public Integrity Priorities:

1. Ban Congressional Stock Trading

Prohibit Members of Congress from buying, selling, or actively trading:

- Individual stocks
- Stock options
- Derivatives
- Commodities
- Sector-specific investments

Lawmakers should not profit from laws they help write.

2. Close Family Loopholes

Apply the ban to:

- Spouses
- Dependent children
- Immediate household family members

• Any account or entity under beneficial control of the lawmaker

No loopholes. No shell companies. No insider games.

3. Include Congressional Staff & Advisors

Extend restrictions to senior congressional staff and policy advisors with access to non-public government information or legislative strategy.

4. Allow Only Safe, Broad Investments

Permit investments only in:

• Broad market index funds
• Diversified mutual funds
• U.S. Treasury securities
• Qualified blind trusts independently managed without communication or control

5. Require Full Financial Transparency

Mandate timely public disclosure of all permitted financial holdings and transactions. Transparency restores trust.

6. Impose Real Penalties for Corruption

Violations should trigger:

• Major financial penalties
• Mandatory forfeiture of profits
• Ethics investigations
• Criminal referrals when appropriate
• Expulsion recommendations for repeated or serious misconduct

7. Ban Insider Government Profiteering

Impose enhanced penalties for using classified information, regulatory knowledge, legislative timing, or privileged government access for financial gain.

8. Create Independent Enforcement & Audits

Establish independent oversight and audit mechanisms outside congressional leadership to prevent politicians from policing themselves.

9. Establish a Post-Service Cooling-Off Period

Prohibit former Members of Congress and senior staff from lobbying or engaging in investment activities directly tied to industries or committees they previously oversaw.

“Congress should serve the American people not their stock portfolios.” — Dr. Nizam Razack