

## **Ady Barkan**

### **Longer version**

Ady Barkan is a social justice activist who has built two programs at The Center for Popular Democracy: FedUp campaigns and the Local Progress network and is the founder of the *Be A Hero PAC*. Ady came to notoriety when he confronted Jeff Flake on a plane back in 2017 asking him to "be a hero" and vote no on the tax bill. Ady was named one of the Top 50 Political Thinkers in 2016 by Politico. He was a law clerk to the Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin in the Southern District of New York and a Liman Fellow with Make the Road New York. He graduated from Yale Law School and Columbia College. Ady was diagnosed with ALS at the age of 32. He lives in California with his 3 year old son, Carl and his wife, Rachel. Ady spent the last election cycle travelling the country: 22 states in 40 days, talking to voters about healthcare. His healthcare ads were run in over 100 districts across the country and his PAC played a critical role in flipping multiple seats. Ady's ad was nominated alongside Colin Kaepernick's Nike Ad as "most inspiring". At the end of 2018, Ady's PAC ran the Susan Collins campaign raising over \$4m in small dollar donations to fund her future opponent if she voted for Kavanaugh. Ady Barkan is using his final months to fight for healthcare and for the American People. His book, *Eyes to the Wind: A Memoir of Love and Death, Hope and Resistance*, will be published in September by Atria Books.

### **Shorter bio**

**Ady Barkan** is a social justice activist who has built two programs at The Center for Popular Democracy: Up campaigns and the Local Progress network and is the founder of the *Be A Hero PAC* that was responsible for raising over \$4m in small dollar donations against Susan Collins for the Kavanaugh fight. He was a law clerk to the Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin in the Southern District of New York and a Liman Fellow with Make the Road New York. He graduated from Yale Law School and Columbia College. He lives with his wife Rachael and their young son Carl in Santa Barbara, California. His book, *Eyes to the Wind: A Memoir of Love and Death, Hope and Resistance*, will be published in September by Atria Books.