

## **The Declarants--Who we are and What we stand for:**

We are citizens who demand Responsibility, Integrity, Competence, and adherence to the limited Federal Government structure provided by the founders of our Republic and codified in the Constitution of the United States. We believe in equality of the law, and attempts to equalize the laws and economic playing field. We disagree with attempts of the Government to expand its powers for the stated objectives of redistribution of wealth from those who earned it to those who for whatever reason have not. We herein set forth our grievances:

### **1) Responsible Government and Citizenship**

It is the position of the Declarants that the authors of the United States Constitution envisioned a system that could only work in the context of a competent, responsible and educated citizenry and government. Unfortunately the present Government of the United States has largely failed in this regard. It is the position of the Declarants that any government official should resign upon the uncovering of impropriety or even the appearance of impropriety. Present Government: Passes an emergency bill composed of thousands of pages which admittedly had not been read by either the executives who proposed it or congress persons who voted for it, which bill involves the incurring by the American people of enormous obligations, rescues failed banks, failed insurance companies, and failed corporations. The bill contemplates and achieves government ownership in banks, insurance companies and several large automobile manufactures. This bill bails out the irresponsible, sends the bill to the taxpayers, and potentially dilutes the value of the American Currency. We must hold our President, and Our Congress to higher standards of responsibility.

**Present government:** Appoints a cabinet filled with persons who have personal tax issues. This is intolerable. The hypocrisy of expecting people to pay for taxes when their leaders have not could not be more obvious. Integrity of Government requires that the citizens have faith and trust in the government. It should not be a shock to the government or people that tax collections under Obama have now fallen to the lowest rate since the depression. Tax collection largely requires the taxpayers to file honest returns. Aside from the huge losses, every taxpayer is confronted with the hypocrisy of the persons now running the IRS are persons who had previously run from the IRS.

**Present Government:** For more than 50 years Congress has spent the money collected for the Social Security system. That money should have been segregated as Trust Funds. Instead they simply spent it. Congress provided a separate, and better funded system for themselves. If any private insurance company had handled funds in this matter, all of their executives would be subject to indictment. Essentially the Social Security system is a Ponzie scheme in which the money derived from the initial investors was repaid by a larger pyramid of investors. Unfortunately the number of retirees is gradually becoming larger than the pool of contributors. So over the next dozen years the system is underfunded. This is not responsible government. This is not acceptable. It is not fair,

responsible, competent or honest for our government to set up a retirement system, overspend and raid funds from the retirement system, and set up an alternate system at Taxpayer expense for themselves. Shame on them. The ultimate hypocrisy is that the same incompetents that raided and left insolvent the Social Security system now plans to takeover Healthcare. If we do not learn from the past, when will we learn, that the government is not to be trusted with money or power. Their function is regulatory, not confiscatory.

**Present Government:** Government Interference with Banking System. The government's responsibility to regulate does not imply that it should interfere with decisions made by financial institutions. The government's attempt to loosen credit standards to make homes affordable to poorer and less creditworthy citizens is an example of why the government's agenda of redistribution of wealth is not workable. The result of such governmental interference with the normal marketplace has been catastrophic. The President and Congress are knee deep in the attempts to loosen the credit markets, and dire results. Their remedy is to demand more power to remedy the disaster they should have prevented by proper regulation. So now they demand control?

Social Security must be fixed with a system disengaging Congress from the funds collected and allowing participants in the program more choice in the investment of funds collected by the system on the participant's behalf. Such investment choices should be reasonably regulated by a government agency responsible for the protection of investors. The government needs to fine tune its regulatory function. That should include demanding fiscal integrity from government officials and the power to hold them responsible for misrepresentations to the American People that are foreseeable.

The Declarants adopt the position of Abraham Lincoln (a non founder) and first Republican President with respect to 1) his unrelenting efforts to free the slaves and require liberty for all citizens. 2) his unrelenting opposition to efforts to redistribute property : Lincoln: "you cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves." This does not mean that past injustice should not be addressed. However to compound the problem by reverse discrimination is hardly a solution. The use of federal funds or tax policy to encourage education and job training to equalize the playing field is the proper way to address disadvantaged populations. Such funds should be addressed to reward success, not to encourage failure.

## **2) Integrity of Government-Conflicts of Interest.**

The Declarants believe that persons who become members of the Executive or Legislative branches do so at the will of the people and hold the office in trust for the people and for their benefit. Such trust requires persons of absolute integrity and responsibility to protect not just the majority, but to protect the individual rights of each American Citizen. Conflicts of interest, before or after the office or job is occupied with the Federal Government should be absolutely prohibited. For those who are confused, that means that no government official shall have his or her hand, purse, hip pocket, etc

lined with “gratuities, excessive speaking fees, gifts, campaign contributions” directly or indirectly received beginning with their candidacy and extending to their death. Government employment is a trust held for the benefit of the people, and not a position to acquire wealth. The people must not need question whether the government official makes a decision favourable to some Corporation, Union, Foreign Power etc, based upon any compensation received at any time.

No Federal official,(before, during or after his employment, election of appointment) should be permitted to accept any payment, benefit or gratuity, directly or indirectly from any manufacturer, union, employer, foreign government, foreign interest group, entity or person, religious group, or any person representing any of such persons or entities.

Senior officials of the United States have during or after their retirement, accepted fees for speaking engagements, campaign contributions or other compensation from foreign governments, foreign citizens, local or foreign financial institutions. Millions of dollars in foreign speaking engagement fees have been paid to former United States Presidents. It should be illegal for any President, Executive, Employee, Congressperson, or other United States Government official to receive any form of remuneration from any Foreign Government, Foreign Citizen, Domestic or Foreign institutions whether such receipt is prior to, during or after retirement from Federal office.

No Union or Business entity should support either political party or government official. It creates an appearance of impropriety. The present bailout of banks involves public money to institutions who made substantial donations to the party now in control of the White House and Congress. This appearance of impropriety would have been avoided had such political contributions been illegal.

The constant conflict of military procurement officials landing jobs in the companies that sold products to the military is another example of why the separation of officials from those who benefit from their decisions should be absolute.

A good example of government regulation is the drug Thalidamide. It was approved in the various socialist paradises all over Europe to aid in the delivery of babies. Huge pressure was applied to the US regulators to permit the drug. Approval was denied in the United States. The pressure didn't end until deformed babies were born all over Europe. Than the regulatory function of the United States government was presented in its full glory. The cozy, Government/Industry relationship was also highlighted for the ineffective, mechanism that results when the relationship of the regulator and the regulated party becomes blurred. The result is what to expect when things become to cozy between the Government Regulators and the party that they should be regulating.

### **Separation of Church and State and Integrity of Government:**

No religious organization should support either political party or government official since such support violates the separation of Church and State called for by the Constitution. The government must protect the right to all religion, but be beholden to no

particular religion. The separation of Church and State should not require that historical items such as the Ten Commandments be kept out of Public buildings, including courthouses. Nor should an oath be invalid if sworn upon the appropriate book or document of the witnesses faith. In other words, Christians or Jews both can swear their oaths upon the old testament, that they both support. Moslems may swear their oath upon the Koran. Athiests can swear and affirm an oath to the truth of their testimoney.

America was founded primarily by Christians. However the description of the United States as a Christian Nation refers only to majority of the Colonial persons religion. In fact the separation of church and state was largely to avoid the repetition in the United States of the catastrophies occuring in Europe contemporaneous with our Constitution in which Catholics and Protestents in France and Germany were busy killing one another, while in Spain in the name of religion the Spanish inquisition was busy burning witches, and an infinite variety of atrocities performed by man against his fellow man in the name of religion. It should be noted that in 1492 as Columbus was on his way to America (in his search for India) the Spanish were engaging in the various tortures to inflict upon their fellow man, generally Jews and Moslems, to assist them in their decision to convert to the Spanish Monarchy's interpretation of the true faith. The bitterness of the Moslems arising from the Spanish Inquisition remain to this date. Also the thriving Jewish population was ordered out of Spain due to their religious beliefs. At least a few of the persons on the fleet Columbus took to America were Jews fleeing persecution. Meanwhile Henry the Eighth, a King in England had pushed for a conversion of his nation away from Catholicism for the important reason that the church had opposed his divorce, and he got tired of cutting off the heads of his wives to avoid divorce since death did part him from his wives. For all these reasons the enlightend founders of our Constitution contemplated a secular Federal Government, arising from Judeo Christian culture, but not favoring or beholden to any religious faith. The state governments were not so restrained and for a long time some of the Colonies supported one segment of the Christian faith or another. Eventually each state also became secular. The result is the most religously tolerant country in the World, and a becon to members of any religion.

The secular nature of our government should not permit us to reach the inappropriate deduction that the government should be anti religion in any way. For example if I chose to attend a Catholic, Jewish, Moslem, Hindu or any religous school, government funding of education should not discriminate against religious schools. The sole reasonable objection to this separation would be the "armed church" or "hate church". This sole exemption would allow the government to refuse to fund the David Koresh church (armed to the teeth) in Waco, or Mosques that fit in the minority of Mosques that teach violence, terrorism, etc. Our present President's former hate white; hate Jew church also would be on the short list of Churches that could not receive education voucher payments for education due to the hate and intolerance agenda.

**3) Property Rights-- Wealth earned by the Citizens is not subject to Confiscation or Redistribution. The Declarants Position of Redistribution of Wealth:**

The Declarants believe that the legal accumulation of wealth is an inalienable right reserved to every individual, or their business entities and that any attempt by the Federal Government to redistribute wealth is a violation of the Fifth Amendment prohibiting seizure of private property for a public purpose without just compensation. The framers of the United States Constitution set up the constitutional balance of powers for the purpose of allowing American Citizens the freedom to accumulate wealth without fear of governmental seizure by overt or other means. The authors of the United States Constitution set up the government to provide a fair and just playing field wherein all citizens could exercise the freedoms and liberties including the right to engage in professions, farming, business, labor, and to accumulate wealth so long as done in a legal and responsible way. This certainly includes the right of workers to intelligently and knowingly, and without coercion, form unions or other representative groups.

The Declarants believe that the present U.S. Government has shown fiscal irresponsibility and endangered the pursuit of happiness of both present and future generations by incurring excessive obligations for the purpose of redistributing wealth for the benefit of persons who have not earned it, and often are not even legal citizens.

The Declarants believe that the present U.S. Government has invaded the province of individual persons, corporations, or other entities in order to operate such businesses as banks, automobile and insurance companies in violation of its limited powers as articulated in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Declarants believe that the logical result of the out of control expenditures will at a minimum be the hidden tax of massive inflation. The articulated expectation of the present government will be increased taxes upon persons who generate more than \$250,000 per year. The actual increases on taxes will be far more pervasive. Certainly taxes will go up for many people in many ways. The power to tax, is the power to control and/or destroy. Whether it be a tax upon the rich, or a tax upon sales, specific commodities, or specific conduct, or the "hidden tax" upon us all of increased inflation, it will impact upon many persons who have not bought into the spending. One way or another, unbalanced budgets will result in huge taxes upon future taxpayers.

Such federal programs as the war on poverty spent huge amounts of money to encourage a subsistant economic class. Money was diverted to minorities so long as the head of the household (usually the father) was not at home. Should anyone be surprised that a class of fathers who were not at home and a generation of children raised without a father followed the war on poverty. Had they insisted that cats be home, the families would have all had cats. Behavior tends to follow the money. History has taught us that human conduct follows the dollar. Hence if government takes money from producers and gives it to non productive persons or enties such well intended policies inhibit future production and stimulate nonproductive activity. Furthermore the government does not have the right to alter the constitutional framwork to get into the business of redistributing wealth.

**4) Election Funding Reform. Efforts to reform Campaign Funding to date have been Ineffective.** In the most recent election, one candidate had a very substantial funding advantage. Such Candidate became President. It is submitted that the President then became beholden to his supporters. A campaign funding mechanism that would avoid the appearance of impropriety would be better. For example, the Unions, who supported the present elected President now are part owners of General Motors, a company they helped bankrupt, to the detriment of Shareholders or Bond holders who trusted General Motors, and now have lost a disproportionate amount of their investment. The appearance that the pay back to the unions for their support by the President and the majority party in congress has been made in the form of a percentage ownership in General Motors cannot be avoided. The appearance of impropriety would have been avoided had union and company contributions to political parties been prohibited. Limiting contributions to a fixed amount by individuals, and not interest groups, should be implemented immediately.

**5) Education Reform. It is the position of the Declarants that history teaches that Tyranny begins with the control of Education.** In the United States our Institutions of Higher learning are among the most respected in the World. Unfortunately in many areas our Grammar and High Schools are substandard. The solution is not government control. If the government chooses to equalize educational opportunity, then the voucher and/or tax credits are the best way. This allows the parents of the wealthy and the poor to elect schools based upon individual choice, including competing religious schools, or trade schools. So long as the government is not dictating the choice, there is no conflict between Church and State. Competition will work at the Grammar and High School level just as it does at the College level.

Government funding, by voucher and/or tax credit to allow a more just playing field for the poor should be encouraged so long as the recipient, not the government, makes the educational choices. For example if the student wishes to learn to be a butcher, baker, silversmith, blacksmith, chef, beautician, woodcarver, stoneworker, entertainer, or other legal trade, the choice of post high school education should not be made by the government. We might become blessed with craftsmen that a strictly college curriculum would have prevented. Competition and vouchers opens the individuals and country to a wide variety of possibilities. The only real requirements should be that all citizens be required to learn English, and that all citizens be required to understand Colonial History, the separation of powers, and individual rights of all citizens guaranteed by the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.

**6) Balanced budget: Line Item Veto.** There is no reason meritorious legislation should be held hostage to pork laden amendments. The President should be able to line out the garbage.

**7) Governmental Regulation.** The General Welfare Clause of the U.S. Constitution includes the power to impose a Statutory Scheme of reasonable regulation of commerce

for such purposes as preserving the environment, protecting the citizens from unsafe products, and promoting fair disclosure in banking, security trading, insurance products. The General Welfare clause also allows money for interstate infrastructure such as road construction. It should be tempered with the awareness that the power to regulate is the power to destroy. Therefore regulation should be made with a reasonable balance between the regulatory need and the effect on commerce.

No power of the government is more subject to abuse than the power to regulate. Care should be taken not to allow government regulation to be so pervasive that it renders production impractical here, and moves our industries and jobs overseas, wherein regulatory schemes are nonexistent or more business and job friendly. In a global sense that means holding foreign competition to the same standards we impose upon our own citizens, directly thru similar standards, or indirectly by equalizing the playing field thru taxes upon noncompliant foreign competitors.

**8) Tax Reform.** It is the position of the Declarants that an essential reform should require that no official of the treasury department should be appointed, or retain his position who has not demonstrated the timely payment of his or her taxes. The internal revenue service should be reformed for the purpose of raising income without discriminating against those who have been the most productive. The tax code should reward productivity, not punish it. A flat sales tax and import tax would be a way to equalize the tax burden.

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**10) Immigration.** The intelligent use of immigration policy can be, as it has in the past been, a major stimulous to the economy. The admission of young workers can remedy underfunded programs such as Social Security by balancing the age of recipients and payees. That said, immigration should be by legal means. Those presently in this country who have entered illegally, but committed no other crime, should be allowed to stay subject to their paying a sum of money into Social Security and Medicare a sum to compensate the Federal Government for the additional burden caused by unauthorized immigration. A per immigrant flat fee paid in a lump sum or over time would be appropriate. Each immigrant should be required to learn English, and Civic responsibilities. Legal Immigration should involve special efforts to include persons with Talents and skills needed by the United States. Furthermore illegal immigrants who have served in the armed forces should receive special consideration with respect to a fast track to Citizenship.

It is the position of the Declarants that those legally in line for immigration should be accelerated to avoid the obvious injustice of those who have arrived in the United States without following formal procedures becoming Citizens before those who engaged in the lawful immigration procedure.

**11) Rights of Man.** The Rights of Man are unalienable by the government. They extend equally to all Americans without regard to Religion, Race, Sex, or Ethnicity. The government can make regulations to make fair the economic and judicial playing fields.

It is the position of the declarants that the United States government should not institute or tolerate discrimination against any persons for the purpose of wealth redistribution. Reverse discrimination is also discrimination and offensive to the US Constitution and the natural rights of man.

**11) Right to Bear Arms.** A vital element to all freedom and liberty is the right of each citizen to bear arms. Take away that right, and the other rights will fall. The first step of any dictator is to render impotent those who would oppose tyranny. First the dictator will attach the free speech rights of those whose Liberty is to be restrained. Then the dictator will seek to disarm the Citizenry.