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A NEW CONTRACT WITH IDAHO

FIRST AND FOREMOST I AM A CITIZEN OF AMERICA AND IDAHO AND THAT IS MY ALLEGIANCE! 9/11 HAPPENED, AND THERE ARE TERRORIST THREATS. PRESIDENTIAL RHETORIC, NO MATTER HOW IT SOUNDS, DOES NOT CHANGE THIS TRUTH!

I HAVE BEEN A THEORETICAL PHYSICIST, A ROCKET SCIENTIST, A SENIOR DEFENSE ANALYST, A PHYSICIAN, A NAVAL FLIGHT SURGEON, CHIEF OF STAFF OF A VA HOSPITAL, AN HIV RESEARCHER AND AN ENTEPREUNEUR.

MY LIFE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO FINDING AND SOLVING AMERICA'S PROBLEM S. OUT OF CONCERN FOR MY COUNTRY, I AM NOW SEEKING TO REPRESENT IDAHO IN CONGRESS. WITH YOURS AND THE LORD'S HELP, I WILL BE ABLE TO HELP GUIDE AMERICA THROUGH THE DAYS OF PERIL.

FOR MOST OF MY ADULT LIFE, I WAS SERVING THE UNITED STATES IN MULTIPLE CAPACITIES. I MOVED MULTIPLE TIMES. IN 1998, I PICKED BOISE AS WHERE I WANTED TO SETTLE DOWN.

I DO NOT KNOW EVERYTHING. I URGE YOU TO SHARE YOUR CONCERNS WITH ME. I WILL ENTERTAIN ALL IDEAS AND WILL TRY TO ANSWER YOU. TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE PERILOUS COURSE THAT WE HAVE BEEN PLACED BY THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS.

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT AREAS THAT I SHALL WORK FOR IF ELECTED.

1. Energy: Initially use everything- Oil, Gas, Coal, and Light Water Nuclear Reactors to prevent an economic "perfect storm". "Cap and Trade" could cripple the economy as we try to recover from a severe recession and will do little other than providing more funds for "Income Redistribution". In truth, it is a huge new tax on productive Americans.
2. We must "Drill Here and Drill Now". This is necessary for National Security, Balance of Payments and to provide the time needed to transition to non-fossil fuel energy. We must develop clean, affordable sources of energy that will last into the future. Besides the possibility of us being a part of Global Warming, Oil and Natural Gas will be harder to come by in the coming decades. Supply will decrease, and competition for these resources will increase. Coal will be around for over a century, but it is the worst polluting energy source that we have.
3. Energy Sources- Wind and Solar will help, but will not be able to provide more than about 25% of needed energy. In part because solar energy and wind energy are intermittent. Solar Energy is diffuse and requires an enormous collecting area if trying to power America Back up power plants are needed for both as well as Energy Storage devices. Also the best areas for these technologies are often far from the population. Expensive transmission lines and line losses are limiting. This is physics, not wishful thinking. One special use of Solar would be to diminish the requirements for peak power on hot sunny afternoons. Bio-fuels must not compete with food and we plant corn over much of the USA to come close to providing

enough fuel.

4. The only reliable technology that can provide abundant safe and non polluting energy that will last for millennia is Nuclear. For the next decade, we must build safe 3rd Generation Reactors as we need both to control CO2 emissions and to have adequate power. Safety- no person died as a result of radiation in the history of Commercial Nuclear Plants in the United States. No one was injured at 3 mile island. The system worked to contain the partial melt down. In terms of lives lost, Nuclear by far has the least loss of life of all Energy Sources.
5. In a decade, we should transition to Advanced Nuclear Powerⁱⁱ as the major source of Energy. It is the only existing technology that can do the job. Advanced technology such as 3rd Generation safe Plants need to be succeeded by 4th Generation Fast Neutron Reactors. These reactors can not only provide, with reprocessing safe clean power for the lifetime of the Planet, but also can use present Nuclear Wastes as fuel. It does produce a small amount of fission product wastes which only last 300-500 years which is easy to handle. It does not produce Plutonium markedly lowering any chance of diversion. This technology was blocked by Democrats three times (Carter, Clinton and the 2006 Democratic controlled Congress) or we would have them now. To have 75%¹ of our electricity generated by nuclear plants by 2038 would cost an estimated \$700 Billion. If we were to include transportation needs, the cost would rise to about \$1.2 trillion. We have just allocated over \$700 trillion to the bailout; Obama is asking for approximately this amount for an eventual governmental takeover of Medicine. As we install these new reactors, the balance of payments drain on fuel imports will drop, and by 2035-2045, we eventually reach zero. Independence Day!
6. Other renewables (Wind, Solar, Hydropower, and Geothermal) are needed and can produce about 25% of our energy. Higher numbers requires a breakthrough in physics. Use of ANWR, OFFSHORE oil, Natural Gas and vast deposits of shale oil² is needed both to reduce the balance of payments and for Strategic Safety. Coal should be slowly phased out to avoid economic shocks. We need Petroleum, for Aircraft and Chemicals, Biofuels; Conservation (Plug Ins, EV, and High Mileage) must be advanced. Fusion Research should continue. Conservation reduces the number of reactors we need, and buys time to reach the goal of Energy Independence. Conservation does not eliminate the need for energy as it does not create energy.
7. We must keep the dams; work should continue to enhance the survivability of fish.
8. A Government National Data Base should be established using the maps in GPS to simplify and reward car-pooling. It should also be able to allow individuals to voluntarily link up for trips. This technology could easily save as much energy as extending bus systems, especially in areas that do not have dense populations. It does not have up front expensive infrastructure, nor does it have major labor costs.
9. Further more, if an ill conceived Carbon Cap and Trade (or Carbon Tax) that can drive a recovering economy back into a severe recession is passed, the following amendment is needed." Companies that invest in Nuclear Power will receive a one to one dollar credit for their investment"; a lot more productive than "income redistribution".
10. The Economy: while some government spending was necessary, the scope of the deficit spending is unsustainable. One man, President Obama, has spent more in less than 3 months

¹ The remainder would be generated by Hydropower, Wind, Solar, Geothermal, Natural Gas and biomass

² Shell Oil has developed an ecologically sound way to extract this shale oil.

than was spent in the history of the country. No programs that entail new future spending should be proposed or allowed. There are the specters of hyper-inflation, the collapse of the dollar, and socialization of the most successful country in history. We also face loss of freedoms (including economic). Only when this unbelievable debt is controlled, should new expensive programs can be considered.

11. We must re-industrial America and More specifically Idaho. This incentive to attract new industry or a large expansion of an existing company can be funded by having no income and payroll Tax for the first year, and a 50% rebate of Health Care premiums. This lowers the risk of opening a new workplace. In the second year, there will be a 50% of usual Tax on Profits along with a 50% reduction in Payroll Taxes. Also, there will be a 25% reduction in Health care premiums. These discounts apply to both the employer and employee Health Care premiums. By the third year, the discounts stop. In the case of an expansion of existing businesses, the discount would apply only to the increase in earnings and workers. By the same token, property taxes will be reduced 66% in year 1, and 33% year 2. By the third year, discounts end. These discounts should improve profits, and increase cash flow and of most import stabilize the business. To obtain these discounts, the employer must agree to stay for 5 years unless they are bankrupt. A permanent decrease in corporate taxes will speed the re-industrialization of America. As a guarantee of staying, companies will be required to place a yearly bond of ½ the difference between the taxes that would now be due, and the amount paid under the new regime. This would be invested in short term Treasuries. After 5 years these funds will be returned, both the principal and interest.
12. When elected. I will work to discontinue this dangerous and not very effective so called stimulus package which not only is not working, but will also beggar our children and grandchildren. I also believe that a 50% decrease in Payroll Taxes for both Employer and Employee for two years could markedly and immediately produce jobs and revive the economy.
13. Science- Funding to be increased by at least 5%/year. We must encourage students to major in Science and Engineering. Research is a key to the future.
14. Taxes, Entitlements: Find Ways to ensure Social Security and Medicare's Fiscal Survival
15. Environment: Rational policies to maintain the Environment. If Environmental laws unexpectedly prevent use, Government must ensure owner does not be financially damaged. One Idaho example was the recent curtailing of irrigation water. The farmers should have received compensation. It must be realized that any action we take to have adequate reasonably priced energy will have some effect on the Environment, at the least would be heat generated.
16. More on the Environment: It is interesting to note that Solar Farms occupy huge amounts of land, and is intermittent. It takes 4700 two Megawatt Rated Wind turbines to generate the same average power as a one Gigawatt Nuclear plant. The Wind Turbines use ten times the raw materials as does one Nuclear Plant. Going Nuclear with 4th Generation Reactors has a lower ecological footprint than does the so-called panaceas of Wind and Solar, and is sounder ecologically.
17. National Defense- Regardless of the Administration statements, the unvarnished truth is that we are fighting a war on terror. We must not reduce our commitment for National Defense. Doing so will place us in jeopardy. Although we might fight Iraqi type wars, our greatest threat comes from increased effectiveness of other's technical capabilities. We also must realize that

we are in “A War on Terror” no matter how the Administration tries to sugar coat it through the use rhetoric. Advanced Science and technology is absolutely essential our well-being. In view of the growing North Korean nuclear and missile threats we should increase funding for National Ballistic defense.

18. Education- Reading, Math, Community Colleges, Discipline, American History- (Actual not revised), Civics, Attract more to Science & Engineering. We need to employ the Internet to supplement in class instruction Charter and Magnet Schools are needed. If we do not educate our children, we will cease to being the Superpower we have been. Children in China and India receive a far more intensive schooling. Our abysmal results on Standardized Tests show this. Again respond to world competition that we did after the Soviet Union launched the first satellite, Sputnik, in 1957.
19. Summer courses to teach students whose language is not English. Immersion in English As Young as Possible
20. Space- Continued Man-in-Space, AIREX, Science, and Determine if Solar Power-Sats are feasible.
21. Medicine: Restructuring Private Medical Insurance can provide virtually universal coverage. Its core would be groupings of small business and the self employed so they would pay the lower rates of large groups such as Federal Blue Cross. Some subsidies for low incomes would be needed. These changes can achieve virtually universal coverage without spending a trillion dollars of money we do not have.
22. Governmental Funded Medicine: If a government backed national medical insurance plan is constructed, it must play by the same ground rules that Private Plans, such as Federal Blue Cross, play under. They must pay providers at the same rate as these private plans, and must not be able to force lower (Medicare type) reimbursements. This unfair competition would eventually lead to its being a monopoly. Unforeseen (or perhaps foreseen) consequences such as bankrupting hospitals and driving out primary care providers as these entities lose money on Medicare patients. This would lead to waiting times and the inability to receive excellent and timely care. This would be defacto rationing and would lead to cost savings paid for by illness and death; a brave new world. Competition based on efficiency and administrative costs are fair.
23. Small companies and persons who are self employed must be allowed to combine for the purpose of Medical Insurance so that their premiums are the same as large company's premiums. This would go a long way to decrease the number of uninsured. It also is fair.
24. There is a shortage of Primary Care Physicians (Family Practice, Internists, Pediatricians, and OB/Gyn), the Medical Foot Soldiers, mainly because of reimbursement models that pay far less for Primary Care than for procedure oriented physicians. I would work to shift some money from other specialties whose median income is over \$250,000 per year to provide more payments for Primary Care. Malpractice law drives up costs mainly because it can be open ended, and the present system induces physicians to do more testing, simply to cover themselves. Preventive medicine is essential, and life style changes need to be encouraged. A present example is Safeway where premiums based on avoidable dangers to health. Under their plan, employees with a healthier life style receive lower premiums. Safeway's medical costs have remained level for 3 years compared to a nationwide 30% increase. Their employee's health problems improved. Governmental Rationing per se must not be allowed. It truly is a slippery slope.

25. Supreme Court- Strict Construction Judges; Apply United States Laws, not invent them. Rule on Law, not empathy. Do not use Foreign Precedents that are not congruent with our laws and/or Constitution. We must be a color blind society.
26. Limiting Governmental Growth- We must realize there are limits on Government, unless we wish to give up our freedoms. Governmental spending must not increase faster than the GDP unless there is a true emergency.
27. Encourage Projects that captures enthusiasm of youth such as volunteered service.
28. Veterans Affairs- Must continue with VA
29. Truth, Effectiveness Not Rhetoric
30. Basic Economical Philosophy- Regulated Capitalism not Socialism- US GOVT gets out of owning banks and industrials ASAP.
31. Supports 2nd Amendment
32. Drugs- detoxification drug courts minimize jail (in jail use drug court techniques and try to go to outpatient). Severe penalties for large dealers and manufacturers. More education. Suboxone therapy- Payment depends on income. Government subsidies. This will decrease costs over time.
33. Schools- enhance gifted programs- possibly courses at colleges or college courses over internet. Defer Residential Tax increases to those over 65 if their income is less than \$ 60 thousand (couples). On death or sale, recapture the deferred taxes if income is over that amount.
34. Social programs should be design to encourage a stable family when children are involved. Single parents can be excellent parents, but it is easier with two.
35. Abortion- Partial Birth Abortions should be abolished unless it is to either save the life of the mother, to protect her from severe physical harm or if the fetus has been shown to be non viable.
36. Programs should be set up so that a woman can afford to have the child if she so desires. This includes school and counseling. In addition to medical expenses Fathers should be identified and should incur responsibilities. Adoption should be an option. If chosen, the adoptive parents should contribute to medical and living expenses.
37. Dead Beat Dads- A national data base should be set up to make it more difficult to avoid their responsibilities.

Appendix

1. Defense Details;
F-22 and Missile Defense- Threats are increasing- Advanced 5th Generation Russian Fighters, SA-300/400 Advances Russian Air Defense Missile. at least as capable as Patriot 3, are being deployed. A marked buildup of quiet Chinese Submarines will soon outnumber ours. The Chinese development of an Anti-ship hypersonic ballistic missile, range greater than 1000 km with 12 Minute flight time -and terminal guidance puts our ships, including Carriers at risk. The best defense against these missiles is our Aegis Ships especially if linked to early warning capabilities which includes satellites. Also the flyaway cost of an F-22

Raptor now that R&D costs are done, could be comparable to that of a less capable F-35 Lightning. In view of rogue nations, the Missile Defense program needs to be continued at least as with the present program. Placing an Aegis ship with enhanced SM-3 missiles, couples with space and other sensors, can reduce the North Korean Threat and could enhance the effectiveness of our long range interceptors. We must not slash defense spending for misguided ideals. Survival is not an item for polemics.

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