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**Statement to supplement TEA Party Boise candidate survey**

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide additional information on several questions in your survey.

### **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**Reduce all federal salaries:** Congress has frozen salaries for Senators and Representatives for the last two years. With regard to other federal employee salaries, I would want to review each category independently and adjust where salaries are out of line. I do not want to penalize honorable, hard-working federal employees.

**25% reduction:** Over time, we should be able to reach this objective, but we would need to approach it carefully and review each category independently.

**Gold:** I support re-establishing the gold standard for the U.S. rather than continuing to allow explosive debt by relying solely on the good faith and credit of the American taxpayer. It would be important to know the details of the system as well as its impact on the U.S. dollar and world markets.

**401(k):** Most federal employees have the opportunity to participate in a pension plan that is similar to a 401K, but we would need to evaluate the exact details and ensure a smooth transition.

### **CORRUPTION & ETHICS**

**Publish donations:** While it is not legal to provide campaign information on an official U.S. Senate website, this is easily done through a link on a campaign site to donation information now available on the FEC website.

### **SOVEREIGNTY & STATE'S RIGHTS**

**Eliminate Department of Education:** While we need to ensure that our public education system is not put at risk through abrupt change, I would support efforts to drive decisions for our children's education to the state. I have long fought to restrict the power of the U.S. Department of Education and prevent it from becoming a federal school board.

**Federal lands:** I have always supported granting the states the right to manage federal lands within their borders.

**United Nations:** It is imperative that the US not yield its sovereignty to the UN in any way. I support revamping the current UN model, particularly to narrow the reach and diminish the standing of rogue nations.

### **LIBERTY**

**Public education dollars:** The money should follow the student in our public education. The decision regarding school choice is a matter that should be left up to state law, not federal intervention.

**Eliminating Department of Education:** see above response in Sovereignty & State's Rights.

### **ISSUES**

**25% reduction:** See above response in Fiscal Responsibility.

**Earmarks:** Only when all states follow the same prohibition.