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The United States Declaration of Independence, States of America.

*May this Christmas season we embrace the blessings of family, friends, health, freedom and country. That, together, we will look to God and in the wisdom and goodness of man allow joy, peace, courage and prosperity to flourish upon this nation.*

### SEARCHING FOR CONSERVATIVE VALUES

Candidates running for President, tirelessly debate, respond to interviews in political platitudes and, at times, offer thought provoking ideas for the country's future. They cross the country giving speeches, smiling and shaking hands while undistinguished tv ads fill our screens. It seems that more than ever before voters are taking their time to look through the veils of theatrical posturing to know the candidate. What is their experience, fundamental ideals and track record? Have they developed a plan that will promote economic vitality and limited government? Who is the man or woman that has the ability to inspire a united Congress in Washington that, together, they will return this nation to its greatness? Does the candidate portray courage, vision and reliability?

Through all the hoopla, each candidate offer promise. The choice is in our hands.

A year will soon pass. The Republicans led the charge in the House by passing a budget plan that still sits like a lead paperweight somewhere in Washington on some desk or in the trash. A Senate of inaction, mired in self promoting politics, hides behind a system of government that is intended to work for the people. Three years have passed since the voices of Tea Partiers resonated across the country initiating the 'stop spending, stop trampling the Constitution' dialog. These individual voices gave Conservatives a foothold in Congress and though they are outnumbered in the Senate, opportunity to squelch the liberal agenda lies ahead.

A great president, is a leader who brings a nation together. One who honors the oath to 'support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. ---'. A promise that supersedes personal arrogance.

We, the voters, are blessed with the opportunity to vote. It is our duty to share with others the message of allegiance to our Republic and what that means when we go to the polls.

The following profiles of each candidate are overviews gathered from their statements on issues. Comments regarding candidates are welcome and may be submitted to Jane@teapartyboise.com.to be considered for future publications.

By Nancy Armstrong



MICHELE BACHMANN:

Healthcare and Entitlements:

- Defund Obamacare-ObamaCare is the largest spending and entitlement program in our nation's history.
- My bipartisan legislation, H.R. 502, the Health Care Freedom of Choice Act, would make medical expenses, including health care premiums, 100% tax-deductible for all individuals. Under current law, health insurance is tax-free for those who receive it through their employers. My bill would give this same tax benefit to people who buy their own health insurance or pay for medical care "out-of-pocket." This would give all Americans the freedom to purchase the health plan of their choice, to pick their preferred doctors and to make their own medical decisions.
- I support the expansion of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) which currently allow Americans to save a limited amount of money for medical expenses tax-free. I advocate the creation of Association Health Plans (AHPs), which would allow small businesses to band together to purchase health insurance for their employees at a lower cost.

Education:

- Against, The No Child Left Behind Act a one-size-fits-all approach to learning that does not work well for every student. She cosponsored of H.R. 1539, the A-Plus Act, which would allow states to develop their own curriculums under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Education.

Spending and Taxes:

- Embrace the principles of Cut, Cap and Balance along with putting in place enforceable spending caps that put us on a path to balance and passing a balanced budget amendment
- Introduced in the 112th Congress, the End Tax Uncertainty Act of 2011. As a former federal tax attorney It would repeal the death tax and gift tax and prevent tax increases on the maximum tax rate for capital gains and dividends income for all Americans. Furthermore, it would permanently patch the Alternative Minimum Tax and reduce the corporate tax rate to 25%
- Would not seek any earmarks this year and reform this system. A co-sponsor of H. Res. 479 which would ensure all earmarks, including those in tax and authorizing bills, are disclosed to the public and subject to being challenged on the House floor.
- A co-sponsor of legislation which would authorize a "presidential line item veto," a tool which would allow the President to identify wasteful and reckless spending provisions in legislation and cut them out.

Immigration:

- "We must ensure U.S. immigration laws are respected and enforced. The number of illegal immigrants in our country has quadrupled in the last twenty years.. " Congress must work to secure our nation's borders and enforce the immigration laws already in place.

Energy:

- Increase domestic energy production. Cut federal regulations that drive up energy production and processing costs, increasing U.S. capacity to refine crude oil and exploring areas that are currently off limits.
- we must look beyond our traditional sources of energy.

National Security:

- "I support our commanders' efforts to combat terrorism, to ensure the safety of our country, and to further democracy in other parts of the world".
- "We have an obligation to future generations of Americans to ensure our country keeps terrorism off U.S. soil. I will continue to support efforts to strengthen our national defense and support our uniformed men and women who are committed to protecting America.

COMMENT:

Michele Bachmann is a true conservative."I formed the Tea Party Caucus in the House of Representatives in July 2010 because Congress had strayed from the fundamental principles of the Constitution and was not listening to the American people. The Tea Party Caucus was launched as a means for everyday Americans to express their views to Members of Congress.

Her ideals and fundamental principles are necessary attributes in promoting the healing of America. The question may be; is she ready to lead as president? She may be using this election as a platform for the future.



### MITT ROMNEY:

#### Entitlements:

- Healthcare: Repeal and replace President Obama's health care law. On his first day in office, he will issue an executive order paving the way for waivers from Obamacare for all 50 states. Subsequently, he will call on Congress to fully repeal Obamacare, and advocate reforms that return power to the states, improve access by slowing health care cost increases, and make health insurance portable and flexible for today's economy
- He backed Medicare prescription-drug benefits

#### Taxes and Spending:

- Will rebuild the foundations of the American economy on the principles of free enterprise, hard work, and innovation. His plan emphasizes critical structural adjustments rather than short-term fixes. It seeks to reduce taxes, spending, regulation, and government programs. It seeks to increase trade, energy production, human capital, and labor flexibility. It relinquishes power to the states. He has called for a 20% spending cap.

#### Job Growth:

- Supports Right to Work
- To bring the unemployment rate back to its pre-financial-crisis level would require GDP growth averaging 4 percent per year over that period. That is an aggressive goal, but great progress can be made.
- A growth agenda for the nation requires several parts: (1) an emphasis on productivity growth, with policies to support saving and investment, innovation and research, trade, education, and training; (2) a budget framework that does not threaten our fiscal health; (3) tax policy that enhances economic growth; (4) regulation that balances growth with concerns about safety and soundness; and (5) a healthy financial system that meets the needs of savers and borrowers.
- 25 years in business. I know what it means to meet a payroll. I know why businesses hire people, and why they become forced to lay them off. I know what it means to compete in this country and abroad.

#### Energy:

- "I would guess something like 70% of the oil wells in this country have been fracked. The states have been managing this well. But the EPA wants to get in and grab more power and basically try to move the whole economy away from oil, gas, coal, nuclear and push it into the renewables".
- streamline permitting process for approval of common activities.
- Ensure that environmental laws properly account for cost in regulatory process
- Amend Clean Air Act to exclude carbon dioxide from its purview
- Expand NRC capabilities for approval of additional nuclear reactor designs
- Increase Production-The United States is blessed with a cornucopia of carbon-based energy resources. Developing them has been a pathway to prosperity for the nation in the past and offers similar promise for the future. Open America's energy reserves for development. Prevent overregulation of shale gas development and extraction Support construction of pipelines to bring Canadian oil to the United States.

#### Education:

- He backed No Child Left Behind.

#### The Federal Government and the Judicial Courts:

- The founders of the United of America established that authority begins with the God-given rights of the citizen. With the citizen's consent, government is given authority at the most local level possible. Protect the Tenth Amendment.

#### Foreign Policy:

- Reverse Obama-era defense spending cuts. and set a core defense spending floor of 4% of GDP. In his first 100 days, put our Navy on the path to increase its shipbuilding rate from nine per year to approximately fifteen per year. Modernize and replace the aging inventories of the Air Force, Army, and Marines, and selectively strengthen our force structure.

#### COMMENT:

Romney has business and leadership experience as he has spent most of his life in the private sector. He salvaged the 2002 Winter Olympic Games from certain disaster and as Governor of Massachusetts reversed the decline of a state mired in recession. Though he considers himself a Conservative, I believe that he leans towards moderate.

His experience working and succeeding within a free enterprise system may offer solutions to return America to economic stability through a balanced budget and solving joblessness by eliminating regulations and high taxation. When asked by O'Reilly, 12/19, if he (Romney) thinks Obama is a Socialist, Romney couldn't 'call it as it is' but rather circumvented the question by saying, Obama is for '----- big government and is a Liberal Democrat'. It poses the question, 'Will Romney represent Conservative values when the heat's on?' Other than that remark, I liked the interview.



## NEWT GINGRICH

### Healthcare:

- backed Medicare prescription-drug benefit
- Will repeal Obamacare-The Obamacare law is unconstitutional, unaffordable, unworkable, and stunningly unfair. Its so-called “individual mandate” is blatantly unconstitutional and an unprecedented expansion of federal power.

### Taxes and Spending:

- He has made no specific commitments to a level of spending cap.
- pledges to veto any tax increase. American families and businesses deserve certainty and predictability, and will work to make permanent all current rates of taxation that would otherwise increase automatically in 2013.
- will abolish Death Tax
- is for an optional flat tax of 15% or less. All tax filers would be given the option to pay their income taxes subject to current income tax provisions or to pay under a lower single rate of taxation with limited deductions.
- his Jobs and Prosperity package would repeal the Dodd-Frank legislation, a 2,300-page law passed in 2010 that mandates 400 new regulations written by unelected bureaucrats. Dodd-Frank is paralyzing lending to entrepreneurs, killing small banks, crippling small businesses, driving down the value of housing, and creating corrupting Washington controls over the biggest banks.
- Repeal the Sarbanes-Oxley law, which has crippled American start-ups with burdensome compliance costs, driven publicly-traded companies private, and forced American companies overseas.
- I will also include in jobs and prosperity legislation provisions to reform the Federal Reserve. They will include a full-scale audit of Federal Reserve activities as well as a narrowing of the Fed’s statutory mandate.

Reduce the Corporate Tax to 12.5%:

### Entitlements:

- Any American who wants to enjoy the existing Medicare and Social Security systems will be able to do so. At the same time, this legislation will provide Americans with new options. It will offer voluntary market-oriented alternatives that allow Americans to take more control of their own retirement planning.
- Under the old welfare reform system, the federal government gave states a blank check, and often incentivized welfare recipients not to enter the workforce. The program did little to alleviate poverty. Our reform changed this: States now get only a fixed amount – a “block grant” – every year, and can design their welfare system however they want as long as they require recipients to eventually enter work.

### Education:

- He backed No Child Left Behind and continue to push for greater federal involvement in education

### Restore the proper roll of the Judicial Branch:

- will have a national conversation about a bill that will establish a constitutional framework for reigning in lawless judges reestablishing a Constitutional balance among the three branches, and bringing the Courts back under the Constitution.
- Regarding the overreach of the EPA, “I wrote a book with Terry Maple called Contract with the Earth. It was an effort to argue that there are sound, pro-market science and technology innovations that would lead to a better environment -- actually a more improved environment -- than you get out of lawyers and regulators and the EPA.”

### Energy:

- Will remove bureaucratic and legal obstacles to responsible oil and natural gas development in the United States. This means development of offshore oil and natural gas resources in places currently blocked by the federal government, It also means ending the restrictions on oil shale development in the western U.S.

### COMMENT:

Experienced, brilliant, seasoned speaker and debater. Gingrich is moderate.. His ‘new’ Contract with America seems to be more ‘impassioned’ than his previous contract, as it states, “No one person can achieve change on this scale but millions of mobilized citizens can. Finally, as we enforce the Tenth Amendment and shrink the Washington bureaucracy and return power to the states, citizens will have to rise and fill the gap left by the decline of bureaucracies.

It may be that Gingrich has instilled renewed trust in voters or is he speaking with political tongue---?



## RON PAUL

### Believes in the Constitution.

- It was written to keep power from being placed in the hands of the few, the apathy allows the centralization of power to continue. “Freedom is the catalyst of all creative energy”
- Government cannot increase their wealth without directly wielding power. Well-connected lobbyists seek influence to enhance their economic well-being without running for office or becoming a figurehead with authority.
- Opposed to abortion
- “I look at Article I, Section 8. Where does it say anything that the government should be involved in education or medicine?” Congressman Paul also spoke of the moral principle behind law with the comment, “If you can’t steal from your neighbor, you can’t send a politician to steal from your neighbor.”

### Taxes and Spending:

- “Taxes are systematic of spending”. Would vote for Fair Tax.
- The economic ideas that are taught are always Keynesian or Socialist. Ideas on banking always support central banking and never commodity money, as mandated by the Constitution.
- He supports free markets, private property, commodity money, no Federal Reserve, no income tax, no welfare and no foreign militarism, promotes the well-being of all citizens.
- There is no evidence that a socialist welfare system can provide more prosperity for the greatest number than a system based on individual liberty.

### Entitlements:

- “No one should be entitled or have a right to someone else’s labor. This idea opens the door to the special interests to manipulate the system to their advantage at the expense of all others. Without this understanding liberty cannot survive.”
- Health care: No mandatory mental health screening for children.

### Education:

- The Republic cannot be saved without addressing this issue of education. Ignorance of how the economy works significantly contributes to central economic planning by the politicians, bureaucrats and central bankers. The major reason for this is that government schools do not teach free-market economics.
- These same schools teach that it’s an outdated notion to strictly adhere to the Constitution. They claim the Constitution must be a living, breathing document that there are no long-lasting truths, such as might be found in the Bill of Rights.
- Adherence to the Constitutional and restraint on the federal government is nonexistent.
- Local and private schools have always proven to be superior to government run schools

### Immigration-National Security:

- will continue his efforts to secure our borders, safely bring our troops back home
- Brute force and the survival of the fittest are the least civilized”.
- Stay out of internal affairs of other countries. Against war and militarism to solve all the world’s problems.
- Using force only as a defense against those who initiate force shows society is advancing
- I found that one of the greatest evils that has been perpetrated by our presidents was the use of war to promote their personal political agenda. The willingness to use war to enhance their political position has led to the death of many innocent people and many of those have been American soldiers.

### COMMENT:

Congressman Ron Paul of Texas enjoys a national reputation as the advocate for liberty in politics today. Dr. Paul is the leading spokesman in Washington for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies based on commodity-backed currency. He is known among both his colleagues in Congress and his constituents for his consistent voting record in the House of Representatives:

Paul advocates a return to a gold standard for our currency. Some say this is not realistic.( I don’t personally see this coming to the table as an issue at this time.) He was an unwavering advocate of pro-life and pro-family values. Dr. Paul consistently voted to lower or abolish federal taxes, spending, and regulation, and used his House seat to actively promote the return of government to its proper constitutional levels.

He is a Libertarian, a Conservative, consistent in his ideals regardless of political gain. I would like to see him clarify his foreign policy position. Is he an isolationist? Does he stand for a strong military for defense?



RICK PERRY

Entitlements:

- No one should be entitled or have a right to someone else's labor. This idea opens the door to the special interests to manipulate the system to their advantage at the expense of all others. Without this understanding liberty cannot survive
- Healthcare: Texas and 25 other states have challenged the constitutionality of Congress' authority to force individuals to buy health insurance. This administration continues to spend excessively and impose unfunded mandates upon the states, including this federal health care reform bill that will cost Texas taxpayers more than \$27 billion over 10 years for the Medicaid expansion starting in 2014. opposition to government healthcare mandates and Washington bailouts.

Taxes and Spending:

- His Uproot and Overhaul Washington plan creates a part-time citizen Congress, designed to make Congress spend more time living at home under the laws they create. The plan also calls for the elimination of oversized, ineffective federal agencies that are consuming taxpayer money and putting our country further in debt. That, I will suggest to you, along with a Balanced Budget Amendment
- "I have a record of doing that as the governor of the state of Texas over the last 11 years – we've created over a million jobs in that state while the rest of the nation lost over two million jobs," And it's going to take an outsider who can come in to put in the model of taxes and regulation, and be able to balance the budget by the year 2020. That's what the American people want and an outsider like Rick Perry is going to do that."
- Cut, Balance and Grow simplifies and flattens personal and corporate tax rates, lowering them to a flat 20 percent. The plan also calls for a federal Balanced Budget Amendment and a full audit of every regulation passed since 2008, so that job-killing regulations may be eliminated. Cut, Balance and Grow will cap federal spending at 18 percent of GDP and balance the budget by 2020.
- His American Jobs and Security plan creates jobs in every sector of the economy, reduces our country's dependence on hostile foreign oil and helps stabilize and limit the costs of electricity and fuel, making energy more accessible and depend able for American consumers.
- 'We don't want to be a right-to-work state.'
- "Places like Texas or places like Florida or Virginia or Oklahoma, they are going to be more competitive with their tax policy and with their regulatory policy and with their legal policy. That's how you make America more competitive. Get the federal government out of making one size fits all.

Immigration

- Gov. Perry has had a long-standing request for 1,000 Title 32 National Guard Troops to be deployed to the Texas-Mexico border until adequate Border Patrol staffing levels are achieved. "We need more, not fewer, boots on the ground, as well as strategic fencing, surveillance technology, air and marine resources, working in coordination to truly secure the border. Cutting National Guard troop levels at the border is dangerous to America's national security.

Social:

- Supports traditional marriage. He signed the state Defense of Marriage Act and supported a marriage amendment to the state constitution, and he would do the same as president.

COMMENT:

A Christian and defender of the Second Amendment. Conservative. "The conservative principles that have guided him as governor are the same principles that will guide him as president: Don't spend all the money. Cut taxes and regulation. And get government out of the way so the private sector can create jobs and renew the American economy. Texas has gained more than one million jobs while the rest of the nation lost over two million jobs.

Not a polished debater or polished politician. Many Texas jobs are government jobs using Stimulus money.



## RICK SANTORUM

### Taxes and Spending:

- “One of the reasons I’m a strong supporter of the balanced budget amendment, with a cap on the federal government at 18% of GDP, is because it will guarantee limited government and guarantee states and people being more free.
- Rick Santorum is committed to celebrating the family by reviving our economy and creating jobs in America again with a smarter and simpler tax code. Santorum will roll back job-killing regulations, force the federal government to shrink and live within its means by passing a Balanced Budget Amendment and reinvigorate our domestic manufacturing and energy potential.
- Believes in returning to a Constitutional government
- Rick was an author and floor manager of the landmark Welfare Reform Act that moved millions from welfare to work.

### National Security:

- He served 8 years on Senate Armed Services Committee, authoring the Iran Freedom and Support Act in 2004 and the Syrian Accountability Act. In fact, Rick Santorum has recognized the looming threat of Iran’s nuclear ambitions for nearly a decade – standing tall against both Republicans and Democrats who have discounted and dismissed the reality that this radical theocracy is intent on destroying Israel and western civilization.
- believes in strong military
- \* Rick was a leader on US - Israel relations, authored legislation to stop the growing nuclear threat from Iran, and has led the fight to protect America from Islamic radicals.

### Abortion and Stem Cell Research:

- Rick was the author of legislation outlawing the heinous act known as partial-birth abortion and he championed the fight to pass the “Born Alive Infant Protection Act” and the “Unborn Victims of Violence Act.”
- He also authored legislation to advance adult stem cell research, so that ethical research could take place to fight debilitating diseases without the moral implications associated with embryonic stem cell research that destroys human life.

### Education:

- \* Rick is the best-selling author of It Takes a Family.

### COMMENT:

“The day we stop fighting for the unborn child, or fighting to protect the sanctity of marriage, expel God from the public square, or decide we will no longer enforce the laws of our land, is the day we surrender all our founding fathers created”. Dedicated to his Conservative ideals. He is passionate and hard working.

Perhaps he is under-resourced as his message gets lost in the political campaign arena. He is a young candidate and may be in the presidential race with an eye on the future.

### BOOKS

DUBS GOES TO WASHINGTON, and Discovers the Greatness of America

by Dick Morris and Eileen Mcgann and Clayton J. Liotta



## JON HUNTSMAN

### Healthcare:

- He created a new regulatory bureaucracy called “the portal,” a less onerous version of President Obama’s health-insurance exchanges. His approach to healthcare reform relied on markets rather than mandates. As the Club for Growth describes it, “Utah’s main health reform contained no individual mandate, no employer mandate, and has very limited regulatory authority. . . . It empowers individuals to take ownership of their own health insurance and to choose coverage that works for them.”
- Huntsman did not support the Medicare prescription-drug benefits

### Tax increases and Spending:

- As governor of Utah, he massively cut income and sales taxes—instituting a 5 percent flat income tax—while expanding the state’s “rainy day” reserve fund.
- He would cap federal spending at 18 percent of GDP. Huntsman backs a bold plan for tax reform, a flatter tax that eliminates nearly all distortionary deductions and loopholes, while slashing rates.
- He would reduce the top personal income tax rate to 23 percent, and the corporate rate to 25 percent. The plan has been praised by the Wall Street Journal. He sought to replace Utah’s graduated income tax with a flat tax, cut the state’s food tax in half, and attempted to eliminate the state’s capital-gains and corporate-franchise taxes.
- He joined his fellow Republicans in rejecting even a ten-to-one spending-cut-to tax-hike deal for deficit reduction.
- will make financial regulatory reform a high priority. Real financial reform will mean breaking the Faustian bargain between Wall Street and Washington that helped fuel the housing bubble, drove a series of bailouts, and prevented meaningful reform in the aftermath of the financial crisis.

### Entitlements:

- Huntsman, embraced Paul Ryan’s Medicare-reform plan. He is vaguer on Social Security reform, but has spoken positively of benefit cuts, including means-testing and raising the retirement age.

### Education:

- Huntsman said, "We need to take education to the local level, where parents and local elected officials can determine the destiny of these schools." He actually signed a bill that gave Utah's educational standards priority over NCLB, letting education officials in Utah “ignore provisions of federal law that conflict with the state’s program.” And he pushed through a substantial school-choice program in Utah.

### Foreign policy:

- Huntsman has called for a less interventionist policy and is strong on free trade. The world is a better place when America leads. Our own interests are best served when we lead. American exceptionalism is not only about who we are as a people – but it also speaks to how the United States alone is positioned in the world to promote freedom, democracy, human rights, wealth creation, and security. It is a role we should not shrink from, but rather embrace.

### Education:

- As governor he implemented private school vouchers.

### Energy:

- As governor, he took heat for his involvement in a program aimed at reducing carbon emissions. Global warming: Huntsman calls for government action to combat it. The Western Climate Initiative, which included six states and three Canadian provinces, had a cap-a-trade provision and encouraged fuel-efficient vehicles, renewable energy use and energy conservation. He is backing away from the Cap and Trade component as he thinks it hurts job growth.

## COMMENT:

Conservatives applaud Huntsman’s five-year record as Utah governor, however, he is moderate to liberal in other views he supports.

Huntsman called the American economy “shipwrecked” and said U.S. troops should return home from Afghanistan because “we have achieved the objectives that this country set out to achieve” there. “I don’t like the idea of nation building in a far-off country when this nation so desperately needs to be built itself,” he said.

I have found it difficult to get to ‘know’ the man. Though he is smart and has proven capable leadership, I believe that he may have waited too long to connect with voters.



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OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WANTS GUNS OFF PUBLIC LAND

November 18, 2011 by Sam Rolley

The Department of the Interior wants gun enthusiasts off of Federal lands.

The United States Department of the Interior has drafted new legislation that would potentially kick firearms enthusiasts off of millions of acres of public lands in order to keep them from “freaking out” urbanites who like to use the land for hiking and dog walking.

According to an article written by Paul Bedard for Washington Whispers, if the Interior Department is successful, large portions of the 245 million acres of public lands controlled by the Bureau of Land Management will likely be off-limits for hunting and target practice. The biggest impact of the laws will be to tracts of land situated in the West.

“It’s not so much a safety issue. It’s a social conflict issue,” said Frank Jenks, a natural resource specialist with the Bureau.

The draft regulations raise concerns about how shooting can cause a “public disturbance,” and also say that shooters can hurt plants and litter public lands.

According to the article, Land Management officers will be assigned the task of assessing areas where hunting or target practice often take place to determine if the area is being misused or if other users of the land are being annoyed by the presence of firearms.

The Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council, which represents many organizations that promote hunting and gun sports, is fighting the new rules and has worked to draft a counterproposal to the rules.

Those fighting the rules note that shooters bring fewer accidents and less destruction to public land than other recreationists such as ATV riders.

Since this story first broke, the Interior Department has been under heavy pressure from gun owners to ensure that public lands remain for shooting sports.

A Department official said yesterday that the agency supports shooters and has a goal of keeping most of the land available to them, though some areas closer to homes will be made off limits.

RISCH BACKS BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 14, 2011

Washington, D.C.- U.S. Senator Jim Risch issued the following statement today after voting in support of a constitutional amendment that would require Congress to operate under a balanced budget.

“Since I came to Washington, Congress has borrowed between \$4 and \$5 billion every day. This reckless spending must stop. A balanced budget amendment would require Congress to do what it has repeatedly tried and failed—to rein in rampant overspending. It is the only collar that will control Congress since it has no self control. I will continue to advocate for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution like almost every state already has.”

The Republican-sponsored bill failed on a straight party-line vote of 47-53. An alternative plan put forth by Democrats, which would also raise taxes, failed by a 21-79 margin with less than half the Democrats voting for their own proposal.



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The threat against the very essence and core of what the United States of America exemplifies, is real. Our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were written to prohibit political and judicial manipulations that bespeak oppressive i.e. big government. This is a Republic (A state in which supreme power is held by the people---). We are a nation suffering a threat from within.

If we, in our home towns, our state and nation, are subjugated by the government, our dollar weakened, property diminished, and spirit depressed, does it not indicate that we must act with stronger resolve and greater passion to dismantle the foes of freedom.

Contact your congressmen and senators in Idaho. Let them know how they are doing and what you believe will promote freedom from big government. Invite them to join us at Tea Party Boise. Encourage your friends to do the same.

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The Tea Party Boise website, newsletters, communications to our state representatives and public leaders, the annual membership meeting, rallies, special Email announcements to members, and coordinating efforts with other freedom based organizations are just part of the activities that promote 'our' message that "We will not trade our freedom for statism". We all know that the federal government is on a power binge. Those that support big government have invested in that end and we have an enormous battle ahead to stop and reverse the damage. We must expand the 'reach' and impact of our voices that resonate "our passion and our allegiance is to the republic (a state where supreme power is held by the people--).

The board of directors are volunteers who, since the onset of organizing, have donated all time. We look to our nearly 3,000 members to get involved-make us a formidable force. *See:* <http://www.teapartyboise.com>

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