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Intro:

The Global Generation Meets the Greatest Generation

In this transformational age, we can't wish the world away. We must:

- ♪ Advance liberty
- ♪ Preserve tradition, and
- ♪ Achieve constructive change for Americans

Yes, the Republican House Policy Committee strives *for* constructive change, because we agree with the conservative philosopher Russell Kirk:

“The thinking conservative understands that permanence and change must be recognized and reconciled in a vigorous society... Just how much change a society requires, and what sort of change, depend upon the circumstances of an age and a nation.”

We all must assess America's circumstances and challenges; and achieve constructive change. This is how we will enhance the America we cherish for our children. As America experiences globalization's growing pains in an age of hope and peril, there is no more solemn duty.

Let us be inspired by the parallels between our “Global Generation” and the “Greatest Generation.”

America's Greatest Generation surmounted a quartet of transformational challenges born of industrialization:

- ♪ Economic, social, and political upheavals
- ♪ A world war against abject evil
- ♪ The Soviet Union as a strategic threat and rival model of governance, and
- ♪ The moral struggle to equally ensure the God-given and constitutionally recognized rights of all Americans, regardless of race

Today, America's Global Generation must transcend a quartet of transformational challenges born of globalization:

- ♪ Economic, social and political upheavals
- ♪ A world war against abject evil
- ♪ Communist China as a strategic threat and rival model of governance, and
- ♪ Moral relativism's erosion of our nation's foundational, self-evident truths

The critical difference is this: America's Greatest Generation faced their four challenges *consecutively*; America's Global Generation faces our four challenges *simultaneously*.

Knowing America does not exist to emulate others, America exists to inspire the world, we must advance American Excellence's foundational liberty, and four cornerstones of sovereignty, security, prosperity and truth:

- ♪ Our liberty is from God, not the government
- ♪ Our sovereignty is in our souls, not the soil
- ♪ Our security is from strength, not servility
- ♪ Our prosperity springs from the private sector, not the public sector, and
- ♪ Our truths are self-evident, not relative

In this dawning millennium, we must champion what we cherish within the permanent realms of faith, family, community and country; achieve constructive change; and renew American Excellence.

Honoring this duty, we will ensure our America remains a community of destiny inspired and guided by the virtuous genius of our free people; and forever blessed by the unfathomable grace of God.

Opus One: Champion the American Dream

Advance Economic Freedom

Situation: Hell Awaits Us beneath Big Government

Americans' economic freedom is founded upon four pillars of prosperity:

- ♪ Free People
- ♪ Free Markets
- ♪ Free Enterprise
- ♪ Private Property

These pillars of prosperity empower Americans to pursue happiness within their families, communities and our country. We must defend these pillars of prosperity against big government's seductive calls to exchange our private property for state benefits.

During the Age of Industrialization, President Theodore Roosevelt urged Americans to reject this siren song: "The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

During our Age of Globalization, these temptations are no less seductive and dangerous; and we, too, face a stark choice: economic prosperity or economic servility.

We have no choice. We must advance economic freedom.

Solution: Advance Economic Freedom

To advance economic freedom, we must:

- ♪ Promote tax relief
- ♪ Cut government spending
- ♪ Repeal uncompetitive laws that destroy prosperity and kill jobs, notably in the areas of small business and manufacturing
- ♪ End bureaucratic fiats and regulatory red-tape
- ♪ Protect private property rights
- ♪ Attract and secure private financial capital to our shores
- ♪ Expand trade with free nations
- ♪ Promote financial literacy to foster an entrepreneurial culture based upon free people, free enterprise, and free markets, and
- ♪ Create a less contentious and more collaborative relationships amongst employers and employees

Restoration: Expand Prosperity and Pursue Happiness

America is a country – a delicate mosaic of honest, hard working, and loving people pursuing their dreams. From their brows falls the salt of our earth; from their hands springs American prosperity. Be it for the Industrialization Generation or our Global Generation, advancing economic freedom empowers the majestic American people to expand prosperity and pursue happiness; and to show the world what a free people can economically achieve.

Tame the Taxman

Situation: Big Government's Soak and Bloat Scheme

Today, under the Industrial Era's progressive income tax a full 50% of the lowest earning tax filers provide 3.5% of federal tax revenues. Soon, most Americans will deem increased taxes and spending as a bargain, if not a boon.

This doesn't bother the Left, who regard taxpayers as the government's ATM. Liberals scheme to soak your family budget and bloat the federal budget, because they crave control over Americans' economic decisions. If nothing is done, liberals will replace free enterprise and property rights with envy and wealth redistribution as the basis of our economy.

Solution: Tame the Taxman

We must reaffirm that economic growth comes from reducing taxes to expand the private sector, not from raising taxes to expand the public sector. The best way to prevent bigger government and promote our economy is to tame the Taxman:

- ♪ REJECT ANY NEW TAXES ON ANYONE AT ANYTIME FOR ANY REASON
- ♪ Enact and/or make permanent tax relief, including the elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax and the Death Tax; a reduction of the marriage tax penalty; an expanded child tax credit; a reduced corporate tax rate, capital gains rate, dividends rate, and the sales tax deduction
- ♪ Put Dynamic Scoring into Congressional Budget Office Projections
- ♪ Implement a taxpayers' bill of rights
- ♪ Simplify the federal tax code
- ♪ Abolish the redistributionist and outdated progressive federal income tax and adopt a more just and prosperous system immune to political abuse and socialist demagoguery

Restoration: Our Destiny, Our Hands

Excessive taxation ignited our free republic's revolutionary experiment in self-government. Our Founding Generation knew people had the inherent right to keep their hard-earned money and property. This right ensures individuals are the masters of their decisions and

destinies. Our Global Generation must not squander this legacy of liberty and prosperity by consenting to higher taxation for bigger government.

Our family budgets and national prosperity will expand through dynamic gains in creativity and productivity. Our liberty will be protected from big government's soak and bloat scheme. And, prying the Taxman's fingers from our wallets, our destiny will remain in our hands.

Fight for Fiscal Integrity

Situation: The Government's Morally Bankrupt Boondoggle

If your finances looked like the federal budget, you wouldn't get elected. You'd get arrested. In the past two fiscal years, tax revenues have increased by double-digit percentages; but spending, the budget deficit, and the debt reached record levels. The government's morally bankrupt boondoggle with your hard-earned money is a fiscal scam harming Americans' prosperity; and is an immoral usurpation of Americans' liberty and sovereignty.

Recently, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported 52.6% percent of Americans receive "significant income from government programs." And the aging Baby Boomers are hitting "entitlement age," and beginning to receive Social Security and Medicare benefits. This is pushing funding off the cliff.

Will our Global Generation hit the brakes in time? Writing about the decline and fall of democracies, Alexander Tyler thinks we won't hit the brakes:

"A democracy...can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship. The world's great civilizations have only lasted two hundred years."

Our free republic is nearly 232 year-old.

Solution: Fight for Fiscal Integrity

We must fight for fiscal integrity in federal spending. Government spends what it takes; taxpayers spend what they make. Thus, the government pays for nothing; taxpayers pay for everything. To honor its fiduciary duty to taxpayers, government must:

- ♪ Empower citizens to pursue their happiness and destinies free from governmental dependence
- ♪ Revitalize federalism to cut the federal government's growth by restoring communities and smaller governmental units as the laboratories of democracy

- ♪ Pass a Constitutional balanced budget amendment to put sovereign citizens over the shoulders of the spenders
- ♪ Limit the growth of the federal budget to the growth of family budgets, so politicians can't spend faster than parents
- ♪ Reform entitlements by strengthening Medicare by increasing Seniors' choice and control over benefits and free-market oriented options; revitalizing Medicaid by focusing on recipients' preventative and catastrophic health care; and refinancing Social Security by freezing the current payroll tax but allowing young people to receive and freely invest a time discounted portion of their future benefits now
- ♪ Dent the federal debt by directing all recouped revenues from prior appropriations and exactions be, instead, used to eliminate the portion of the federal debt held by communist China
- ♪ Lower baseline spending by immediately enacting an initial reduction and adding annual deficit targets enforced by across-the-board spending reductions on both entitlement and discretionary spending
- ♪ Sunset all reauthorized and newly authorized federal spending
- ♪ Tighten the definition of "emergency" spending and establish a "rainy day" fund for non-military emergencies based on a formula to stop politicians from disguising pork as "help"
- ♪ End pork-barrel earmarks by passing the legislative line item veto, compelling transparency, and stopping all duplicitous practices
- ♪ Promote ingenuity and honor to save taxpayers' money and streamline efficiencies by awarding prizes to innovators; rewarding whistle blowers; and modernizing all technologies within the federal bureaucracy
- ♪ Finally, sovereign citizens must hold politicians accountable for spending

Restoration: The Sovereigns of their Destiny

Now and for the future, the fight for fiscal integrity is a fight for citizens' liberty and prosperity.

We are born with our rights. They are not given to us by the government. Our government was instituted to protect our rights and serve citizens, not for citizens to serve the government. Therefore, we know the government must efficiently spend our tax dollars, lest it cheat us and future generations of Americans.

Achieving fiscal integrity in federal spending – now – will guarantee our increased prosperity. The government should become the servant of sovereign citizens; and Americans remain the sovereigns of their destiny.

Cure Health Care

Situation: Is Our Health Care System Terminal?

Americans' health care system is at a transformational stage. Our system is mixed of public, private and third-party payment. With health care spending approaching two trillion dollars, our government spends as much as the private sector. But while Americans are dearly paying for health care under the "hybrid system" Americans receive relatively little direct patient care. The remainder is largely wasted upon an inefficient, bureaucratic system or lost to outright fraud. Clearly our health care system is ill; but is our health care system terminal?

The haphazard system did not foresee the following exacerbating factors which would compound the problem until it reached its present critical mass: America's Industrial-Welfare state model of governance would one day be challenged by globalization; the massive "Baby Boom" generation would be living longer than any previous generation in human history; and the expansion of federal regulations and tort law would combine to restrict the expansion of health care providers and services.

Thus have we reached the tipping point: our health care crisis will continue until the government socializes medicine and smothers all Americans; or a modernized, patient-centered, consumer-driven health care system serves all Americans.

Solution: Cure Health Care

In the current "hybrid system" of public and private third-party payments for health care, patients and providers are anesthetized as to the true cost of health care. Combined with demographic pressures, this increases the *demand* for health care. Exacerbating the crisis, demographic pressures, government intervention and litigation further constrain the *supply* of health care. If supply continues to constrict and demand continues to rise, the cycle of cost increases will continue unabated. To avoid government-run medicine and, instead, attain patient-centered health care, we must cure health care based upon the law of supply and demand as it pertains to patients, providers, and third-party payers:

Patients

- ♪ Empower patients – give them information, choice and control in their health care, especially their choice of physicians and pharmacists
- ♪ Make Americans' health care expenses fully tax deductible
- ♪ Provide incentives to encourage a healthy lifestyle
- ♪ Enhance existing Health Savings Accounts
- ♪ Enhance information technology to build and manage health care databases so patients can speedily and easily access them
- ♪ Promote voluntary, timely, and transparent quality reporting of health providers and third-party payers' costs
- ♪ Expand Federally Qualify Health Clinics (FQHC) and Project Navigator to help the uninsured access to preventative and non-emergency health care, and control their own wellness

- ♪ Establish “virtual clinics” – health centers without walls that provide the uninsured an FQHC card for use at participating providers who are not FQHCs
- ♪ Give patients information about price, quality and cost, including data detailing complications and/or infection rates
- ♪ Ban dangerous medicines manufactured or counterfeited in and imported from nations ignoring or violating safety standards and intellectual property laws

Providers

- ♪ Insure a workforce of health care professionals by increasing support for health care education, faculty, and institutions
- ♪ Enhance tuition grants and student loans for student doctors and nurses working with underserved populations
- ♪ Enhance tax relief for doctors, nurses, and all health care providers working and volunteering in underserved populations in areas of high medical need
- ♪ Expand aid to rural and urban hospitals for strengthened residency programs and adequate staffing in critical shortage health facilities
- ♪ Reimburse fully and fairly health care providers serving Medicaid and Medicare patients
- ♪ Implement a research and development tax credit to encourage the development of new medicines, new treatments, and new technologies, and speed their delivery to patients
- ♪ Protect American medical innovators’ intellectual property and their patents
- ♪ Reform liability laws to put the interests of patients before those of trial lawyers
- ♪ Stop punishing good deeds by establishing a safe harbor from unjust lawsuits for “Good Samaritans” and community organizations for the good faith provision of charitable care for the indigent and victims of national emergencies
- ♪ Eliminate the bureaucratic red-tape that cheats patients out of the care they need

Third Party Payers: Private

- ♪ Allow Association Health Plans, so that employers can combine their health care benefits and get the purchasing power of a much larger pool
- ♪ Empower employers and individuals to purchase health care across state lines
- ♪ Pass tax relief for costs incurred in providing employees personal preventative health maintenance benefits
- ♪ Devise a uniform, affordable, basic, and understandable private insurance benefits package containing an essential level of primary care, as well as dental and mental health services; this must be marketable to a segment of the uninsured, such that they can afford it

Third Party Payers: Public

- ♪ MAKE CERTAIN THAT HEALTH CARE IS PATIENT-CENTERED RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT DICTATED
- ♪ Oppose mandates upon private health care providers that only impede competition and, thereby, escalate the costs and limit the choices of patients
- ♪ Emphasize insurance, emphasize access, and emphasize preventative medicine within Medicare and Medicaid
- ♪ Establish a rational, comprehensive, and accounting of the uninsured, so their needs may be fully and fairly assessed and addressed
- ♪ Continue to be the payer of last resort for catastrophic health care
- ♪ Trust the market to make the correct decisions, but protect patients and providers from private instances of waste, fraud, and abuse

Restoration: Patient-Centered Medicine

Focusing on bureaucrat-centered health care, the Left's radical aim is to socialize one-sixth of our economy and foist a third-party payment system over Americans through massive taxation, wealth redistribution, regulation, and rationing. The result will be less medicine for more money. As the noted political-economist P.J. O'Rourke dryly opined: "If you think health care is expensive now, just wait until it's free."

Our wellness in the new millennium is best served and enhanced by patient-centered, modern medicine that empowers Americans with independence, information, choice, and control. This reform requires injecting free-market forces into public and private health insurance programs to maximize choice and minimize costs. Such transformational change won't be easy; but, if must take our medicine, the cure for what ails the best health care system in the world is simply at hand.

Return Learning to Education

Situation: "How Much Wisdom...?"

Like TV during the Industrial Age, during our Global Age the internet can both educate and distract. Pausing amidst the clacking keypads, let's recall T.S. Eliot's warning: "How much wisdom have we lost in knowledge? How much knowledge have we lost in information?" Yes, the computer may supplant the poet from a society's yearning; but it must not supplant parents and teachers from a child's learning.

Nor should the federal government usurp local and state control of education. The temptation will be great, however, due the mounting frustrations and concerns of students, parents and teachers in both K-12 and higher education. But we must resist, if we are to empower our children fulfill their intellectual potential.

Solution: Return Learning to Education

We must:

- ♪ Provide students a broad education that leads to intelligence and independence, not a narrow indoctrination leading to dependence
- ♪ Restore the primacy of parents in building their child's foundational moral virtues and academic skills
- ♪ Expand all education's accessibility, accountability, and free teachers to teach by reducing the bureaucratization of education
- ♪ Implement strict accountability standards for all federal tax dollars
- ♪ Reject the federalization of education, because it will supplant parents and teachers with bureaucrats as the primary shapers of a child's mind; and, consequently, will destroy every goal and hope we have for our children
- ♪ Encourage the core subjects of reading, writing, math, science, foreign language, and especially history and civics – key educational components that help answer the question, “What perpetuates American Excellence?”

Restoration: Life-Long Intellectual Fulfillment

Education is essential to a joyful future for our children and free republic. This is no mere utilitarian call for a “competitive workforce”; it is an affirmation American Excellence ultimately rests upon our children's intellectual fulfillment. If we fail them, both our children's and our republic's future will prove Seneca's warning: “Life is short and anxious for those who forget the past, neglect the present and fear the future.”

As Americans – as parents – we will never cheat our children of an education and teach them to fear the future. We will teach them to seize it!

Declare Energy Independence

Situation: America's Dangerous Addiction to Oil

Daily, America's oil addiction increases: we consume nearly 21 million barrels of oil per day. Worse, while our demand exceeds 25% of global oil production, our known oil reserves are only 3% of global supply. As the developing world's energy demands escalate, our nation's dependence upon a single, finite fuel — often obtained from unfriendly sources and areas we've been at war with – poses grave concerns for our prosperity, environment, and security.

Solution: Declare Energy Independence

The 21st Century Energy Strategy is a free-market road map for free people that will enhance our prosperity, security, and environment by guiding us to energy independence. Trusting in Americans' ingenuity and industriousness, this energy independence policy contains three cardinal, integrated elements: conservation; production; and innovation.

- ♪ We must conserve our existing energy resources through free market reforms that reduce American's utilization of fossil fuels by encouraging the growing consumer demand for and manufacturers' production of alternative energies and flex-fuel vehicles; and fostering domestic conservation and environmental stewardship measures, including infrastructure improvements, traffic congestion mitigation measures, and voluntary, community based "green" initiatives to reduce energy consumption.
- ♪ We must end our reliance on fossil fuels. This will take time. To responsibly facilitate this transition to alternative energies, we must implement sound regulatory reform and broad tax incentives to encourage the greener production and utilization of existing energy sources, including: clean coal, solar, wind, water and nuclear power.
- ♪ We must realize the production of existing energies speeds the innovation of alternative energies. Government revenues derived from increased energy exploration and production must be dedicated to tax credits for alternative energy innovations and implementations. For example, this entrepreneurial energy policy will nurture the growing consumer demand for plug-in hybrid vehicles; and spur the research, development, production and utilization of alternative fuels in the emergent areas of bio-mass, bio-diesel, ethanol, hydrogen, and clean coal.
- ♪ So too, government must encourage the new infrastructure required to make alternative energies readily available and commercially viable; establish competitive prizes for distinguished accomplishments in the private research and development of alternative energies; and, engage America's allies in a determined collaboration to develop alternative energies and enhance global environmental stewardship.

Restoration: America's Declaration of Energy Independence

Ignoring the international energy pressures of globalization, Leftists stubbornly cling to their failed 1970's lethargy policy of higher taxes, government dictates and spending boondoggles. This will cause Americans energy insecurity, due to price hikes and domestic shortages.

There is a better path. Because it recognizes America's greatest resource is her free people, the 21st Century Energy Strategy constructively transitions America from fossil fuels to alternative energies; and allows us to declare energy independence. Again, it won't happen overnight. But it will ensure our energy future is bright.

Secure Citizens' Sovereignty and Soil

Challenge: Exploitation U.S.A.

In a Global Age where satellite communications bounce across borders, sophisticated elitists can't understand why Americans are outraged by illegal immigration. The answer is self-evident: America's sovereignty isn't in our soil; it is in our souls.

Big government, big business, the Left, and this trio's elitist accomplices have all combined to cheat us of our sovereignty and tax money by enticing and exploiting illegal immigrants into America. We now witness the perverse spectacle of people illegally in America receiving legal benefits; of "sanctuary cities" and Leftist advocacy groups unilaterally flouting federal law; and of this crisis' mocking of the sacrifices and concerns of naturalized citizens and legal immigrants.

Despite it all, we must not blame the elitists' other victims – the illegal immigrants, the vast majority of who are honest, industrious exiles fleeing tyranny and poverty to live in liberty and prosperity. (Sounds familiar, doesn't it?) Thus, while we cannot abide their illegal presence in our nation, we must strive to resolve this untenable crisis without animus or amnesty.

Solution: Secure Citizens' Sovereignty and Soil

Over decades, four key factors caused the current crisis. Reversing these four factors will responsibly and justly end it. The four key factors are porous border security; illegal employment; legal benefits to illegal recipients; and the 1986 amnesty. The following are the full and fair measures we must implement to preserve our sovereignty:

- ♪ Secure our borders to prevent illegal entry
- ♪ Punish business that "cheat to compete" by employing illegal workers; unions that refuse to report illegal workers on job sites and within their memberships; and state and local governments violating federal immigration laws
- ♪ Stop providing taxpayers' money to illegal immigrants
- ♪ Make clear there will be no amnesty now or ever for illegal immigrants
- ♪ Fix the entire broken system of legal immigration by returning to the principles of asylum for and the assimilation of new immigrants, including the adoption of English as America's official language; and by logically differentiating rural enterprises from other enterprises in granting work visas

Restoration: A Beacon of Hope

Our current illegal immigration crisis is the bitter harvest we reap as a result of the elitists greedily putting their "prosperity" ahead of our sovereignty. In enticing and exploiting so many illegal immigrants within our borders, the elitists have also unconscionably dashed the hopes of other immigrants desperately and legally seeking asylum on our shores.

We must help these legal immigrants and ourselves. Responsibly and justly ending illegal immigration will secure our sovereignty and soil without animus or an amnesty; and rekindle Lady Liberty's beacon of hope for the world's huddled masses.

Green Main Street

Situation: Myopia and Mania

During globalization, the greatest threats to our environment are myopia and mania. The myopic claim nothing must be done to conserve our earth. The manic claim everything must be done to conserve our earth. These views have one thing in common: both harm our earth.

Arguing for a third way, Joseph Pearce wrote, “Humanity is part of an integrated and ordered living creation and cannot exist in isolation from the biosphere that sustains it. If we destroy life on our planet, we are ultimately destroying ourselves. Biocide is suicide.”

But what is the responsible third way between myopia and mania?

The strongest unit for conserving our earth is the individual and the family, not the United Nations or the U.S. government; and the surest principles for conserving our earth are voluntarism and federalism, not the ideologies of myopia and mania. We must promote civic volunteerism that empowers Americans to directly participate in environmental preservation. This third-way is citizen stewardship.

Solution: Green Main Street

Empowering people and families to daily practice citizen stewardship within their communities will green Main Street and, ultimately, America. While the emphasis is rightly on individuals and families, the success of citizen stewardship requires community, state, and federal co-operation and “green light” legislation.

Citizen Stewardship Corps

- ♪ We must establish a Citizen Stewardship Corps (CSC)
- ♪ Membership and funding for minimal administration are simultaneously achieved through a voluntary check-off on people’s tax returns
- ♪ These citizen stewards will heighten environmental consciousness and conservation measures through voluntary, community-based initiatives

Green Light Legislation

- ♪ Washington should also implement market-oriented encouragements of entrepreneurial innovations for conservation in accordance with the principle of community-based conservation
- ♪ Provide tax relief for individuals and families participating in community, municipal, and state conservation programs, including green architecture
- ♪ Speed regulatory relief for responsible Corporate-Citizen Stewards
- ♪ Promote “green light tax relief” to prevent taxation on the profits of emergent environmental technologies for a period of five years to hasten their dissemination and implementation
- ♪ Seek and respond to additional ideas and innovations brought forward by our nation’s greatest force for conservation: her people

Restoration: Ensure a Purer Earth

President Theodore Roosevelt rapidly mobilized the federal government to preserve public lands from the rush of industrialization. Compelled to act quickly, he did not directly engage the citizenry in environmental protection. Today, the situation is reversed. During the rush of Globalization, the Industrial Era's public lands and regulatory regime remain firmly in place. Further pursuing Industrial Era protections will, at best, have marginal impact and, at worst, preclude the prosperity enabling developing nations to lead in environmental protection.

It is better for us to build upon these foundational environmental protections through community-based conservation initiatives that empower and mobilize citizen stewards of our earth. This promotes our environment and our communities. While the myopic and manic will disagree, this sane third way will prevent excuses for personal inaction or governmental domination; preserve and promote our environment and prosperity; and ensure a purer earth for future generations of our free people.

Emancipate the Poor

Situation: The American Nightmare

No one has a right to your hard-earned money but you. Yet we are a moral people and virtuous community. Therefore, with the consent of the governed, our social safety net temporarily "helps those who cannot help themselves" regain dignity and self-reliance; and, ultimately, begin or renew their pursuit of the American Dream.

But in the shadows of globalization's promise of unprecedented economic progress, our poor remain chained to the Industrial-Welfare state, because the compassion of Americans has been grotesquely abused by big government. Today, this is no longer an effort to help the unfortunate fulfill their American Dream. It is the institutionalization of an American nightmare.

Solution: Emancipate the Poor

Empowering the impoverished to control and fulfill their own destinies requires innovatively implementing ownership principles and technological innovations within a new initiative. "The Freedom Ticket" will:

- ♪ Be a bio-metrically secure "swipe card" given to all social service recipients
- ♪ Contain, categorize and account for the monthly expenditure of recipients upon specific programs
- ♪ Allow recipients to expend allocated credits in return for the provision of their specified services
- ♪ Preclude other expenditures
- ♪ Be annually accounted, and any remainder will be deposited into a health account and/or educational savings account to be accessed as needed in the future by the recipient, or be designated for the same purposes to their children

- ♪ Gradually decrease allocated credits as the recipient becomes gainfully employed and increasingly self-reliant
- ♪ Direct portions of Earned Income Tax Credits and/or minimum wage increases into health accounts and/or Educational Savings Accounts

Restoration: A Revolution of Hope

It is said globalization has linked the world. Yet peering across the poverty line's divide, too many still see others and strangers, not brothers and sisters. To end this estrangement, the Freedom Ticket will awake and emancipate the poor from the American Nightmare. Our dispossessed brothers and sisters will glean the American Dream; and they will herald a revolution of hope amongst the world's impoverished.

Opus Two: Champion American Freedom

Win Our War for Freedom against Terrorism

Situation: Global Gangsterism

On September 11th, 2001 we were plunged into an unsought struggle for survival. It is not a War on Terror. It is a War for Freedom. Our immediate enemy is Infidel Fascism; our long-term enemy is Iranian Imperialism. For the liberty of generations unborn, we must emulate President Ronald Reagan's successful emancipation strategy against the Soviets: "We win, they lose."

Today in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world, humanity is battling Infidel Fascism. In Islam, *Kufar* means "infidels." Because Al Qaeda and Bin-Laden butcher innocents, including Muslims, they are *Kufar* who pervert Islam's peaceful path and sinfully seek to enslave others of God's children. Intensifying the threat, the enemy's is also fascist; and this hideous ideological concoction has too well adapted to globalization: organized, media savvy, technologically adept, and willing to kill their own children to kill ours, we confront a faceless foe along a million mile front that is waging its war, not on a map, but on your mind. It is global gangsterism – a moral cancer to be scourged from our world.

In the long-term, Iranian Imperialism is a generational enemy to humanity. Through a marriage of convenience with Sunni led Infidel Fascism, Iran (Shiia ruled) is complicit in compounding the spread of terrorism – often with the aid and comfort of Syria, with which the Iranians have signed a "mutual defense" treaty akin to the 1930's Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. Governed by a radical Islamic politburo of mullahs, the Iranian regime is bent upon exporting its revolution through the use of terror and intimidation, including the arming and shielding of our enemies in Iraq, and the development and proliferation of nuclear weapons. Fanatically committed to their imperial phantasm, these Iranian Imperialists are underestimated or ignored at the world's peril.

Solution: Win Our War for Freedom against Terrorism

Infidel Fascism

The past is prologue. The eternal truth that won World War II and the Cold War will win our global War for Freedom: all human beings have a God-given right to liberty and justice that no person or power can deny. To win, we must:

- ♪ Know our enemy
- ♪ Maintain our moral clarity
- ♪ Prove our devotion to liberty transcends the enemy's obsession with death

- ♪ Unleash and infuse liberty throughout our counter-insurgency operations and concomitant “grass root” reconstruction efforts
- ♪ Empower newly emancipated peoples to seize and shape their own destinies; join our family of free nations; and, together, help all humanity defeat Infidel Fascism.

Iranian Imperialism

So too, liberty is as lethal to Iranian Imperialism as it was to Russian communism. We must:

- ♪ Know our enemy
- ♪ Maintain our moral clarity
- ♪ Prove our devotion to liberty transcends the enemy’s obsession with death
- ♪ Know war with Iran is neither desirable nor inevitable
- ♪ Constructively contain the Iranian regime
- ♪ Advance liberty in the Middle East
- ♪ Nurture liberty within Iran until the Mullahs’ imperial regime peacefully implodes beneath its people’s hunger for freedom

Restoration: “Salvation Will Not Be Denied Us”

In his December 26, 1941, address to a joint session of Congress, Prime Minister Winston Churchill warned another shocked generation of Americans to firmly press on:

“Some people may be startled or momentarily depressed when, like your President, I speak of a long and hard war. But our peoples would rather know the truth, somber though it be. And, after all, when we are doing the noblest work in the world, not only defending our hearths and homes but the cause of freedom in other lands...Sure I am that this day – now we are the masters of our fate; that the task which has been set us is not above our strength; that its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our cause and an unconquerable will-power, salvation will not be denied us.”

Once again ambushed but unbowed, we heirs of liberty must defeat new enemies to our existence. We will.

Protect Our Hearths and Homeland

Situation: Terrorism’s Unclear and Present Danger

In protecting our Homeland Security from terrorism’s “unclear and present danger”, Americans must confront a deadly enemy’s stealth criminality, and our own security fallacy and failings.

The security fallacy asserts that we have no real need for Homeland Security, because there have been no new attacks in the past six and a half years. Such insanity must be dismissed. Amongst sound minds, other security failings impede our efforts. The first failing is focusing Homeland Security on instruments of potential terror rather than individual terrorists. The second failing is trusting technology, alone, to secure our borders against individuals or enemies. The third failing is ignoring the critical interdependence of Homeland Security and commerce, both of which are targeted by our terrorist enemy. A final failing is the belief that terrorism can be considered a wholly criminal matter. Fortunately, all of these failings are disabused by this sage advice: Know your enemy.

Solution: Protect Our Hearths and Homeland

Knowing our enemy, to protect our Homeland we must:

- ♪ Kill or capture terrorists before they acquire the instrumentalities to kill or subjugate us
- ♪ Reauthorize as soon as possible the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to stay one step ahead of the enemy's assassins
- ♪ Expand emergency planning and training grants to our first responders
- ♪ Ensure cyber-security against terrorists and criminals, especially child predators
- ♪ Implement a risk-based analysis to most accurately determine which sites the terrorists will target; what instrumentalities they may utilize in their targeting of these sites; and what new technologies must be devised to counter the enemy's threat
- ♪ Advance the partnership between the public sector and the private sector in developing and utilizing Homeland Security pilot programs that immediately increase protection and, ultimately, prove or disprove their effectiveness
- ♪ Properly weigh the interests of security and liberty (both of which are enemy targets)
- ♪ Properly weigh the interests of security and prosperity, realizing that the enemy targets both
- ♪ Reject of the temptation to equate more spending and bureaucracy with promoting Homeland Security – more is not always better; we have to be effective

Restoration: “We Will Do No Less”

On September 11, 2001, we suffered our most grievous wound on our soil. Almost three thousand of our fellow citizens were murdered by butchers that will kill themselves and their children to kill us. In consequence, we must stop future attacks at their earliest stage. This grim acceptance of our sacred duty was embodied and expressed by our valiant, war-time Commander in Chief:

“There comes a time when you and I must see the cold, inexorable necessity of saying to these inhuman, unrestrained seekers of world conquest and permanent world domination by the sword: ‘You seek to throw our children and our children’s children into your form of terrorism and slavery. You have now attacked our own safety. You shall go no further.’

“The American people have faced other grave crises in their history – with American courage, and with American resolution. They will do no less today...They know the actualities of the attacks upon us. They know the necessities of a bold defense against these attacks. They know that the times call for clear heads and fearless hearts.

“And with that inner strength that comes to a free people conscious of their duty, and conscious of the righteousness of what they do, they will – with Divine help and guidance – stand their ground against this latest assault upon their democracy, their sovereignty, and their freedom.”

These are the inspirational words our valiant, war-time President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, from his *Fireside Chat on National Defense*, given on September 11th, 1941.

We must do no less today; and we will do no less today.

Support This Greatest Generation

Situation: Suffering Beneath a Lethargic Bureaucracy

Our veterans and their families are “This Greatest Generation.” They are integral to the fabric of our nation. If it were not for their contributions and sacrifices, America would not be the model for freedom and democracy that it is today.

Throughout our great history, these brave individuals have answered the call to defend our freedoms without hesitation or concern for the personal sacrifices they were certain to endure. This is a debt we owe which can never be fully repaid. Sadly, however, too often when America’s veterans and their families turn to their government for help and care, they are frequently victimized by a lethargic and faceless bureaucracy that is calloused to their healing and hopes. When these brave men and women joined in the call to defend our country on freedom’s march, they gave all that they could offer of themselves.

However, our government has not always met their sacrifice with the same commitment. Instead, it has been slow to act; and our government’s promises of support have rung hollow. There is no excuse for this blatant disregard of “This Greatest Generation.”

Solution: Support “This Greatest Generation”

To improve services and care for “This Greatest Generation,” we must implement a “veteran-centered” system of support with the same devotion at home as we do abroad; and empower veterans. We must:

- ♪ Improve and intensify examinations and interviews to ensure our troops are not suffering traumatic brain injuries (TBI), post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD), or other wounds easily overlooked or misdiagnosed
- ♪ Let veterans control their health care benefits and seek treatment at both not-for profit and for-profit facilities
- ♪ Assiduously inspect and maintain facilities and programs to root out waste, fraud, abuse, in order to guarantee our veterans are treated with the honor, dignity and care they've so nobly earned
- ♪ Promptly present veterans with their honors and medals
- ♪ Grant tax relief to employers chosen by veterans through a one-time tax credit that he or she can use at any time on any employer to enhance their marketability
- ♪ Punish employers who discriminate against our troops and veterans because of their service to us
- ♪ Streamline and expand educational assistance for troops, so they may rapidly transition to and pursue their civilian service to our nation
- ♪ Provide veterans access to low-interest loans and the right of first refusal over foreclosed homes
- ♪ Strengthen co-ordination with Veteran Service Organizations
- ♪ Fix fully concurrent receipt
- ♪ Increase our troops' pay – period!

Restoration: Bind Their Wounds and Tend Their Hopes

“17 November 2006

Dear Grandma,

Thank you very much for both your continued support and the prayers that I know you are sending up on my behalf... I hope that your Thanksgiving will be delightful and the family will have a memorable experience, in a good way... Everything here is working out well, because I know that I have a caring family behind me. I will be home soon, already almost two months have passed and April will be here soon. Take care of yourselves and let that wrist of yours heal. I love you and miss seeing you and Grandpa.

Take Care,
Mark”

On January 25, 2007, at a check point between Fallujah and Baghdad, Iraq, Marine Corporal Mark D. Kidd, 26, was killed in action.

In our War for Freedom, out of respect for the ultimate sacrifices of Mark and all the fallen of “This Greatest Generation”, let us bind the wounds and tend the hopes of their comrades-in-arms we are blessed to welcome home.

Opus Three:

Champion Human Freedom

Defend Liberty

Situation: Rudely Awakened by Our Dangerous World

On September 11th, 2001, the United States of America was awakened to a new, dangerous world of Islamic extremism and modern terrorism. Now, at the commencement of a new millennium, we are menaced by Middle-Eastern fascism and the enemies of liberty

Solution: Defend Liberty

As a nation, we must be prepared to defend that liberty and that freedom from those who would take it away from us. To do so, we must build a 21st Century military. The following are necessary steps in that process:

- ♪ Supply our military with everything they need to win our War for Freedom
- ♪ Dedicate 5% of “discretionary” spending to the necessary funding of our military, with the premise being its ability to simultaneously conduct and win a conventional war and a counter-insurgency
- ♪ Instill the lessons of counter-insurgency learned in Iraq and Afghanistan so such initial mistakes are never repeated
- ♪ Stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
- ♪ Install a missile defense shield with our NATO and Pacific allies
- ♪ Revitalize NATO’s mission to match the dangers of our age
- ♪ Strengthen our intelligence and security agencies by expanding our human intelligence gathering; increasing the accuracy of analysis; intensifying our counter-intelligence to catch foreign spies; and our military and industrial cyber-defenses
- ♪ Preserve and expand America’s critical manufacturing base to prevent “Arsenal of Democracy’s” disarmament by requiring the domestic production of essential military components
- ♪ Toughen rules governing surplus military supplies and weaponry to prevent them falling into our enemies’ hands to use them against us
- ♪ Re-organize America’s diplomatic and intelligence communities to reflect the novel challenges posed by our present enemies, including the development of rapid deployment reconstruction and relief corps
- ♪ Reorient the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to emphasize American national security over international commerce
- ♪ Found a Liberty Alliance of free nations and reduce our financial participation in the United Nations

Restoration: Peace through Strength

Our America – a revolutionary experiment in human freedom – remains the target of all would-be world despots; consequently, we must defend our liberty against those who would destroy our way of life. Thus challenged, we are ever honor bound to defend the liberty of America and her allies in our family of free nations.

Herald Liberty

Situation: Bastions of Tyranny

The “End of History” was a myth. The end of Soviet history did not end history, or eradicate other deadly bastions of tyranny bent on destroying our liberty. As globalization compacts our planet, defeating these enemies must include the active engagement of allies; the containment of tyrannies; and the expansion of liberty until these evil regimes cease to exist.

Solution: Herald Liberty

America and her allies must herald liberty to the world’s oppressed throughout our troubled, tortured world:

Communist China

In word and deed, that nuclear-armed communist dictatorship is a strategic threat and rival model of governance to our family of free nations. Regardless of well-heeled elitists’ claims and Beijing’s “blame the victim” (us) propaganda, communism remains an intrinsically evil system of oppression; thus, our current policy of unconstructive appeasement must be replaced with constructive containment by:

- ♪ Reaffirming the promotion of liberty and the defeat of communism as a fundamental American goal
- ♪ Reinvigorating our alliances with free Pacific and Central Asian nations, especially India
- ♪ Terminating the communist regime’s so-called Permanent Normalization of Trade Relations (PNTR) status and requiring advances in its people’s political and religious freedoms, free and independent labor unions, environmental protections and import safety for the annual renewal of trade
- ♪ Insisting the communist regime implement “reverse inspections” (where they pay, not U.S. taxpayers) and a transparent recall system before exporting products to the United States
- ♪ Asserting our international rights against the communist regime’s illegal and unfair trade practices, notably in the areas of intellectual property rights, counterfeiting, dumping, and currency manipulation
- ♪ Preventing the communist regime’s co-called “Sovereign Wealth Fund” from purchasing and controlling American assets and entities, and guaranteeing the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) prevents the regime’s stealth assaults on our national security

- ♪ Prioritizing the redemption of outstanding U.S. debt held by this communist regime
- ♪ Founding a central “clearing house” within the federal government charged with hastening this communist nation’s transition to liberty
- ♪ Opposing the communist regime’s territorial claims over democratic Taiwan
- ♪ Supporting the liberation of Tibet

Revanchist Russia

Following the fall of Soviet communism, the West’s unwise policies toward Russia failed. Now, in the wake of ex-President and not so ex-KGB Lt. Col. Vladimir Putin, the former Soviet Union is Re-Stalinizing and it is revanchist. Whether colluding with communist China in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, threatening to point nuclear missiles at Western Europe, or trespassing onto the internal affairs of neighboring nations, the Russian bear is back on the prowl. The most propitious steps at present include:

- ♪ Making international aid and diplomatic cooperation dependent upon Russia’s status as an international actor
- ♪ Insisting Russia use its immense oil profits or other means to pay for the collection and dismantlement of its nuclear arsenal as required under treaty
- ♪ Intensifying international pressure upon Russia to stop selling arms to state sponsors of terror, including weapons of massive destruction technology and materials
- ♪ Reinvigorating international efforts to revive Russia’s nascent democratic institutions, especially its voluntary civic organizations and free and independent labor unions
- ♪ Insisting Russia end its perpetuation of the “frozen conflicts” in Moldova and Georgia
- ♪ Demanding Russia join us in opposing a dictatorship and supporting freedom and justice in Belarus

Genocidal Sudan

The murderous regime in Sudan... By all means short of war, our family of free nations must end genocide in Darfur – now! We must help all effort aimed at

- ♪ Isolating the regime from its allies, especially communist China
- ♪ Boycotting all Sudanese exports
- ♪ Providing aid to the African Union sufficient to protect the refugees being systematically murdered
- ♪ Advancing as the ultimate international goal the regime’s removal and trial for crimes against humanity

Communist Cuba

The un-free and unfair selection of the tyrant Fidel Castro's butchering baby brother, Raul, to formally rule this imprisoned island while the tyrant-in-chief continues to call the shots behind the scenes shows nothing has changed for her captive people. A scant 90 miles from our shore, this communist regime has been a source of instability in Latin America; plays host to every anti-American terrorist in the world; continues to lead anti-American efforts in the UN and other international organizations; and coordinates its anti-American intelligence activities with other state sponsors of terrorism. Now is not the time to betray the Cuban people yearning to breathe free. We must help free her people and protect our nation by –

- ♪ Maintaining our embargo on the Cuban dictatorship
- ♪ Maintaining and increasing our assistance to the Cuban pro-democracy movement
- ♪ Maintaining and increasing our broadcasting of news and information to the information-blockaded Cuban people
- ♪ Intensifying support and concrete forms of solidarity to help Cubans transition from communism to liberty

Leftist Venezuela

The dangerous buffoon in power in Venezuela... The clownish antics of the dictator Hugo Chavez should not blind us to his very real threat to Latin American stability and, American security. Enriched by oil revenues and laboring under his man-crush on Fidel Castro, Chavez hopes to be the next great source of Latin American instability by intervening in his sovereign neighbors' affairs and playing host to every anti-American regime in the world. We must prevent his ascent with the rogues' gallery of Anti-Americanism by:

- ♪ Supporting free nations threatened by his interventionism, especially Columbia
- ♪ Boycotting his oil sold in the United States
- ♪ Assisting pro-democracy forces within Venezuela, especially political and civic organizations and free and independent labor unions

Communist North Korea

The communist dictatorship of North Korea... Having acquired nuclear capability despite agreements to the contrary, this abominable communist regime continues to lie about wishing to become a responsible international actor and continues to stick out its hand for international aid. As the definition of insanity is doing the same thing under the same circumstances and expecting a different result, it is time to stop the insanity by:

- ♪ Realizing the regime will reform and acting on the expectation it will not
- ♪ Disabusing ourselves of the hope communist China will be helpful in this matter, and working on the expectation it will not (largely due to the fear one Far Eastern communist regime going under could lead to another)

- ♪ Implementing an aggressive strategy short of martial means to end the communist regime

Bloody Burma

The bloody junta in Burma... This military junta has emulated its communist Chinese “sibling” by butchering its pro-democracy demonstrators and then laying low until the international community loses interest. We must stop this regime from being rewarded for its atrocities by:

- ♪ Recognizing the regime will not reform
- ♪ Disabusing ourselves of the hope communist China will be helpful in this matter, and working on the expectation it will not
- ♪ Implementing an aggressive international strategy short of martial means to end the dictatorship

The Liberty Alliance

The United States must join with other free nations to form the Liberty Alliance. Transcending the “Community of Democracies” (which could be transformed into this more focused and potent international organization) the Liberty Alliance must be:

- ♪ Founded upon the self-evident truth all human beings are endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and dignity
- ♪ Insistent upon member nations meeting a mutually agreed upon criteria of human and civil rights; and observer nations expanding their people’s liberty until they may one day reach full member status
- ♪ Prepared to expel member nations diminishing their people’s liberty
- ♪ Governed by transparent, equitable, and democratic rules and procedures
- ♪ Committed to advancing human liberty and dignity through diplomatic, political, economic, and cultural initiatives aimed empowering and emancipating the individual, their communities, and their emerging institutions
- ♪ Barred from possessing a military component, though member and observer states will retain their powers to continue or commence security agreements with other free countries through bi-lateral and multi-lateral treaties
- ♪ Prevented from infringing any member or observer state’s sovereignty
- ♪ Headquartered on the free soil once scarred by colonialism, communism, fascism, world wars, and the Holocaust – Eastern Europe, where, cradled in the intrepid human spirit, liberty’s lamp triumphantly pierced the dark heart of evil
- ♪ Funded by shifting our UN contributions and personnel to the Liberty Alliance, while remaining in the UN (and in the Security Council, especially) at a far lower cost to US taxpayers

Restoration: Its Newest Births of Freedom

Oppressive regimes unite in hating and seeking to destroy freedom, which is embodied by America. In a Global Age condensed by an internet, our world cannot endure half-slave

and half-free. Thus, while we cannot impose democracy, where and whenever we can America must unleash liberty. As “The Great Emancipator” Abraham Lincoln understood: “In granting freedom to the slave, we ensure liberty for ourselves.” We have before; we will again; and our world will experience its newest births of freedom.

Opus Four: **Champion Tradition**

Cherish the Culture of Life

Situation: “Heartless Hedonism”

The truths and virtues of our American community are sheltered in the traditional institutions of faith, family, community and country. Yet today, many of these foundations are under continual assault by the Left’s virulent secularists and moral relativists.

Joseph Pearce, author of *Small Is Still Beautiful (Economics as if Families Mattered)*, recapped these attacks, when he said:

“...we have seen the increasing atomization of society in the direction of self-centered individualism... In the past thirty years we have also seen a concerted attack on the family itself and on the traditional understanding of marriage... (F)amilies form the smallest and most beautiful part of any healthy society – that they are, in fact, the building blocks upon which all healthy societies are erected. Take away the family from the heart of society and you are left with a heartless hedonism. And since hedonism is selfishness without limits, it is the very antithesis of the self-limitation necessary for the restoration of economic and political sanity.”

Frankly, the insane Left denies truth; disdains virtue, despises tradition; and trumpets a hedonistic culture that devalues life, family and faith.

Solution: Cherish the Culture of Life

We must cherish the culture of Life.

Faith

- ♪ We must defend the free exercise of religion by
- ♪ Recognizing the historical role of faith in the life of our free republic
- ♪ Empowering, rather than excluding, faith-based organizations to help provide social services to our disadvantaged fellow citizens
- ♪ Ending politicians and bureaucrats’ threatening religious organizations’ tax exempt status for exercising their right to free speech

Family

- ♪ We must pursue policies that respect the family by reaffirming the primacy of the family in American life by
- ♪ Championing the Sanctity and Dignity of Innocent Human Life
- ♪ Supporting increased adoptions and all other alternatives to abortion
- ♪ Promoting pre-and post-natal treatment for mothers and newborns

- ♪ Defending the traditional covenant of marriage between husband and wife
- ♪ Submitting a Parental Rights Constitutional Amendment to the states for ratification parents possess the primary authority and responsibility to direct the upbringing and education of their children – good government protects and supports the family and does not usurp the vital roles it plays in society
- ♪ Protecting children from cyber-predators and pedophiles
- ♪ Promoting family viewing hours to prevent children’s exposure to filth

Community

- ♪ We must commit ourselves to building strong communities by
- ♪ Increasing punishments for criminals who commit crimes against the most vulnerable amongst us
- ♪ Protecting communities and voluntary organizations from governmental discrimination
- ♪ Instituting “loser pays” in non-governmental constitutional rights suits filed against voluntary civic or religious organizations

Country

- ♪ We must strengthen our country by
- ♪ Fostering virtuous, pluralistic patriotism through the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the teaching of history and civics
- ♪ Defending the U.S. Constitution by stopping the incorporation of foreign law into the our laws through judicial activism
- ♪ Opposing any attempt to diminish the Americans’ sovereignty through international agreements or contracts
- ♪ Submitting a Flag Burning Constitutional Amendment to the states for ratification

Restoration: “Educate the Heart”

At the ebb-tide of Industrial Era, E.F. Schumacher peered into the soul of our impending Global Age. He said, “Modern civilization can survive only if it begins educate the heart.”

Such education does not come from government. Only the traditional institutions of faith, family, community and country can morally educate and instruct the heart in accordance with Wordsworth’s poetic prayer:

“And then a wish: my best and favorite aspiration mounts
with yearning toward some higher song of philosophic truth
that cherishes our daily lives.”

Cherishing and enhancing life within and through traditional institutions, our America will remain a community of destiny inspired and guided by the virtuous genius of our free people; and eternally blessed by the unfathomable grace of God.

Encore: **Our Community of Destiny**

The Global Age has roughly dealt with our American community of destiny. Today, Lady Liberty's loyal and loving citizenry endures transformational times. Economically anxious, Americans spend sleepless nights wondering if they will keep their jobs; their houses; their health care; their hopes for their children. Murderously attacked, they have buried, mourned, and honored loved ones lost in the battle to save human life and liberty from Infidel Fascism – even as they see the gathering threat of communist China. And daily, they struggle to make sense of an increasingly perverse culture disdainful of and destructive to faith, family, community and country.

Yes, Americans know our nation remains “the last, best hope of earth” – a beacon of hope and freedom to all the world's oppressed. But it is human to ask: “Why must America exist, not to emulate others, but to inspire the world?”

The answer burns in our hearts. In its infinite, unfathomable ways, Divine Providence blesses us with liberty and burdens us with duty. Being free, we must expand freedom, whether it be to impoverished Americans or to the world's enslaved.

This is why we Americans are at our best when challenged; and friends our free republic is challenged.

Yet, regardless of the vicissitudes of time and circumstance, the truth remains as Russell Kirk observed:

“At the back of every discussion of the good society lies this question, ‘What is the object of human life?’

“The enlightened conservative does not believe that the end or aim of life is competition; or success; or enjoyment; or longevity; or power; or possessions. She or he believes, instead, that the object of life is Love.”

Drawn from the mercies, majesties, miseries, and mysteries of our mortal existence, the reason why we strive to transcend our transformational challenges and why our America will remain a community of destiny is purely this:

We love.

Liner Notes

After cutting *Freedom Songs: The American Empowerment Agenda*, the Republican House Policy Committee first must thank the majestic American people for their inspiration. Truly, you are the blessed children of liberty and the hope of humanity.

Our American community of destiny is suffering globalization's growing pains. It is the defining event of our time; and we are compelled as your servants to ameliorate its problems and maximize its potential for the sake of future generations. In these *Freedom Songs* we pray our aim was true; and, together, we can further America's revolutionary experiment in human freedom.

Hope you dig it!

Thaddeus G. McCotter,
Chair, Republican House Policy Committee

P.S. Thanks to all our staffs' hard-working roadies who helped bring these *Freedom Songs* to life for your sovereign consideration. To them, we extend our regards and respect without reservation or raises.

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Rep. Phil English (vocals)/Rep. Jim Saxton (b. vocals)

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Rep. Gresham Barrett (vocals)/Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (b. vocals)

Cure Health Care

Rep. Michael Burgess, M.D. (vocals)/Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (b. vocals)

Return Learning to Education

Rep. Steve King (vocals)/Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (b. vocals)

Declare Energy Independence

Rep. John Sullivan (vocals)/Rep. Jim Saxton (b. vocals)

Secure Citizens' Sovereignty and Soil

Rep. Virginia Foxx (vocals)/Rep. Jim Saxton (b. vocals)

Green Main Street

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Emancipate the Poor

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Rep. Peter King (vocals)/Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (b. vocals)

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Herald Liberty

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (vocals)/Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (b. vocals)

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