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Dear Friend of Liberty:

You would think that with the positive results from the recent election we could be looking forward to a restoration of freedom and prosperity in the coming year.

Despite the election outcome, I have not known a time when the threats to our Liberty and the Founders' vision have been greater than they are today.

The headlong process of “socializing” America continues with the Obamanization of Health Care, the government takeover of auto companies and banks, attempts to confiscate our retirement accounts, and recent federal efforts to totally control our food production system. Add to these outrages an ongoing scheme to enact a National ID Card and attempts to effectively end state Right to Work laws and you have the makings for a dangerous assault on our Liberty.

Perhaps even more ominous, the Obama Administration has clearly signaled that the sinister parts of its agenda which have thus far failed to pass Congress will be surreptitiously enacted via Executive Order. Cap and Tax, prohibitions against offshore drilling, new regulation of food and drugs and the continued installation of shadowy, unconstitutional Czars to regulate and control every aspect of our economy and our personal lives, will move forward regardless of what Congress or the American people think!

For Liberty to survive it is imperative that we confront today these new threats in all of their ugly and freedom-killing forms.

In the toughest times...times like we are facing right now in the life of our nation...freedom fighters have always stepped forward for America—armed with whatever it takes and at whatever sacrifice—to answer the call to defend our Liberty. That's how America was born and how we, as a free and sovereign nation, have survived.

A major economic crisis continues to unfold in our nation. Massive federal debt threatens to destroy our prosperity for decades to come. The destruction of our money through the actions by the Fed continues at an alarming pace. “Quantitative Easing” is just the latest name for the government's evil attempts to steal wealth from unsuspecting citizens via debasement of our fiat paper money system.

New government programs are started daily, and future plans are being made for even more costly government expansion. All are based on the false premise that we're in this mess because free-market capitalism and sound money failed. The obsession is with more spending, bailouts of bad investments, more debt, and further dollar debasement.

Many are saying we need an international answer to our problems with the establishment of a world central bank and a single fiat reserve currency. The ongoing collapse of economies in nations like Greece and Ireland demonstrate the utter folly of this approach. The collapse of economies in Portugal, Spain and other Euro nations may not be far behind as we witness first-hand that **collectivism, interventionism, and one-world approaches to managing economic systems absolutely do not work.**

Suggestions that America pursue these failed progressive, socialist (make that “communist”) models are naive at best, and sinister in far too many instances. Those who want our nation to go down this destructive path do NOT believe in individual Liberty and view our sovereignty and our Constitution as outdated sentimentalism “ill-suited for a modern world.”

Call me “naïve and sentimental” but I believe Liberty and the Constitution will NEVER be outmoded. They do NOT need to be replaced by “more enlightened” systems...systems proven time and again to be absolute failures which impoverish and enslave any people or nation foolish enough to follow them.

Congress allowed and enabled The Federal Reserve which proceeded to create our monetary problems. When the problems become even more apparent, rather than rein in the power of the Fed, Congress moved to give the Fed even more power.

I could go on but I know that you understand the crises we face...and agree with me on what must be done to turn our nation around.

I hear from Americans like you who are up in arms about what is going on in our nation. Messages come into my congressional office morning, noon and night. Taxpayers are outraged by the huge bailouts, the massive expansion of government and the refusal by Congress and the leaders of both parties to follow the Constitution.

Many Americans are frustrated—or even outright angry—about failed government policies that just tighten the government’s noose around our necks. The rise of the **Tea Party movement**, which effectively started during my campaign for President in 2007, was an outgrowth of the popular dissatisfaction with our country’s political leadership and its failure to follow the Constitution.

Since the financial crises have become more and more apparent and the attempts by the Fed to solve the problem have become more desperate, my phone has been ringing off the walls with calls from media outlets wanting to interview me and get my opinions about what is going on and how we need to deal with it.

You will recall that during the presidential election the same media scoffed at my suggestions that we were facing economic disaster if we didn't take action to rein in the Fed and limit the size and cost of our overgrown government. The mainstream media (and even some supposed "conservative media" types) laughed at my calls for limited government, for abolishing the Fed and the IRS, for cutting federal spending at home and abroad to balance our budget, and my call for a sound monetary system.

Today, with the crisis at hand, *they are not laughing any more*. Fox News, for example, which largely spurned me and my ideas during the campaign, regularly invites me to appear and comment on the economy and politics. And other great Freedom advocates like Judge Napolitano and John Stossel have since been hired by FOX. **The Neo-Cons are no longer controlling the debate** as our voices have increasingly been added in discussions about how to deal with the crisis that confronts us.

It would be easy to sit back and smirk and say "we told you so" when addressing our critics in the media and in political circles, but if we truly love our nation and want to preserve liberty we have to do more... **we have to be LEADERS in the debate** and in the arena of ideas.

The time is ripe for us to be at the forefront of offering workable solutions...of calling for a return to limited, constitutional government, the need for honest money and low taxes, and the absolute need to expose and abolish the Federal Reserve.

The task before us is huge. Our challenge is both political and philosophical, but either way the solution must begin by properly educating Americans about why our current out-of-control, misguided political and financial systems have failed, and what must be done to turn things around.

My **Foundation for Rational Economics and Education** (FREE) has been waging such an educational effort for several decades. We have had a great deal of success publishing newsletters and books and producing radio and TV programs teaching people about the Constitution and free markets and sound money.

FREE has done much to educate patriots like you and to **win the battle for the hearts and minds of Americans** young and old. To truly have success, we must expand our reach to many, many more.

Given the severity and urgency of the crisis we face, **we must do much more in our battle to spread the truth**. It is imperative that we redouble and expand the work and scope of FREE's educational effort. Right now, while people are looking for answers and even the media is trying to figure out what in the world is going on, we must fill the leadership void and provide answers and solutions for the problems that face us.

You have been a faithful supporter of the cause of Liberty. You understand the serious nature of the threats that confront us and the dangers posed to our freedom and our very way of life.

It is up to us to step up and lead the pro-freedom movement, not just in Congress, but in every community and at every level of government and in every institution of learning.

Our ability to lead this movement comes from your tax-deductible contributions to FREE. \$50 or \$100, or even \$250 or more if you can afford it, is urgently needed to help fund the effort to turn our government and our nation around...now, before it is too late.

Leadership is sorely lacking in Washington despite the Republicans' recent victory. We have seen before that Republican control of Congress is no guarantee that freedom-oriented policies will be pursued and adopted. We must hold every elected official's feet to the fire when it comes to following the Constitution and voting for smaller government. We must set the example for them through our educational work and let them know conservative "rhetoric" is no longer sufficient. Any member of Congress who wants Liberty advocates to support them will need to prove they are worthy of our support through both words AND their consistent votes to uphold the Constitution and reduce the size of government.

It is time for Liberty lovers to step forward and offer the vision needed to point Congress and our nation in the right direction...and to **halt the assault on our nation's sovereignty**.

This is a dangerous time. But it is also an historic opportunity. Please help today with your most generous, **tax-deductible** gift for freedom. We must act swiftly to fill the leadership void in Washington. The time is NOW and the need is urgent!!!

I'm counting on you.

For Liberty,



Ron Paul

P.S. If you can help with \$50 or more, I will send you my "Freedom Report" newsletter for a full year to say "Thank you" for your generous help. And for a gift of \$100 or more, I will send you the "Freedom Report" and a copy of my book on foreign policy, ***A Foreign Policy of Freedom***.

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