

Background, Terms, and Common Perspectives

“Common Perspective Does Not Imply Acceptance”

In order to set an overall frame of reference and provide a glimpse of subject matter to be covered herein the following items are presented:

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1. This Project for America (PFA)

This first piece is not intended to be self-promotional, but give you some background on the effort that eventually produced what you are now reading.

Acting as an individual I took it upon myself to use the analytical and problem-solving skills developed over a 34-year Information Technology (IT) career combined with my absolute love for our country — to research, to develop, and then bring these findings to my fellow American citizens.

What may surprise you is that the proposed solutions to the social and economic issues presented herein do not represent my personal opinions, in all cases. To offer only my opinions would defeat the objectivity, spirit, and proper function of systems analysis. I will submit that the solutions overall do represent the reconciled opinions of the Silent Majority and the true Spirit of America. These contents are the results of literally thousands of conversations with everyday Americans.

The sub-title of *Our Second and Final American Revolution* is absolutely serious and it is a reality that will need to be embraced by the American public and electorate if we desire to maintain our nation.

All projects have a starting point – a reason to begin. This one simply started with a concerned American trying to figure out how to solve our nation’s War on Drugs. That was the origin of this entire experience.

My working background in the IT business was first as a computer operator, then a programmer, systems analysts, system designer, project manager, and

manager. More than anything else my professional skills are in problem analysis, solution development, and project coordination. I have had viable experience in both corporate and federal government sectors.

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The Initial Assignment – End the War on Drugs

“To Solve the National Hard Drug Problem”

I originally conceived of and gave myself this assignment around 1980! Yes, a long time ago. Even then many of us were getting frustrated with government’s inability to deal with the growing hard drug (primarily cocaine) problem – via the so-called “War on Drugs.” That was the name given to the newly re-organized national drug fighting effort in 1972 by President Richard M. Nixon, some 35 years ago — a period two and a half times longer than the 14 years (1919 to 1933) that the national Prohibition of Alcohol was in force. Neither Prohibition yielded the intended results.

In 1980, I was a systems analyst and had completed my first ten years in the IT industry. The way I looked at it, my profession was solving business problems. My experience taught me that business problems could be solved either by designing and implementing a new computer-based system and/or by improvements to related policies and operational procedures. A new computer system is not always the right or best solution.

I left the IT business in December 2002 in order to devote full-time effort to completing the book *Common Interest* and to bring the National Drug Reform (NDR) to the attention of my fellow Americans. Over my career I often took on assignments that required tedious coordination and/or the resolution of difficult project situations. It was often a difficult process, but the results were rewarding and the varying projects were challenging. I truly enjoy the process of bringing order to chaotic situations, and those challenges prepared me for what I am doing now.

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One day, as a curious citizen I had a conversation with myself about the nation’s “hard” drug problem. I thought to myself, what if Congress came to me and gave me the task of researching and developing a solution to the national drug problem? I am systems analyst. I solve business problems. Just how would I approach it? From that point, *‘the assignment’* developed into a hobby of sorts. I developed an initial approach to tackling the problem based on my own perspectives and convictions. Then began the perpetual series of informative one-on-one presentations, asking people for their feedback and opinions.

The Initial Audience and Opinion Poll

Over the years I developed what is referenced many times herein as the National Drug Reform (NDR) proposal. The NDR proposal's design, policies, and operational approaches were refined based on the direct feedback of people of all ages, backgrounds, and attitudes. I believe those folks represented a real cross-section of the American public's view on ending the drug war and many other issues. Among the men and women I spoke with were those from the following groups and others:

Accountants
All classes – representing the lower, upper, and the masses in the middle.
All races
Automobile Mechanics
Authors
Bicycle Repair Specialists
Blue-collar workers
Carpenters
Chiropractors
Church leadership of various faiths
Computer (IT) industry people of all job types
Conservatives, Liberals, and Moderates
Corporate Executives
Co-workers (many of them)
County Assembly Members
Daycare Workers
Democrats, Independents, Libertarians, Republicans, Greens, and the Undecided
Dentists
Doctors of many disciplines
Drug counselors
Drug testing technicians
Electricians
Farmers
Firemen
Foreign workers from many countries
Foreign visitors
Former cocaine addicts
Grandparents and Great-Grandparents
Hair salon specialists
Heterosexuals – Straight!
Homosexuals – Gay, Lesbian
House-parents – women/men work at home
HVAC technicians
Illegal Occupants
International travelers here on business and/or vacation
Lawyers of various specialties
Librarians
Little league parents
Massage Specialists
Medical Doctors and Nurses
Non-citizens
Orthodontists

Other Legal Occupants
Parents and Step-Parents
People born in other countries
People representing all the world's major faiths
People that have been my boss and client
People that have worked for me
People without religious faith
Physical Therapists
Plumbers
Police Officers – state, county, and local
Poor people, rich people, and the masses in the middle
Professional workers
Recovered alcoholics
Rescue Squad personnel
Restaurant owners
Retail sales staff
Roofers
Secret Service
School counselors
Schoolteachers – pre-K thru 12, public and private
Single parents
“Soccer” Moms and Dads — and Little League, too
Small business owners
Taxi cab drivers
Teenagers
The faithful and faithless
U.S. Marshals
Waiters and waitresses
White-collar workers
Voters and non-voters
and others....

A diverse and interesting cross-section of the people that yielded many great conversations! Did you notice how few politicians there are on the list? We can always obtain their collective legislative opinion by watching the evening news and reading newspapers and magazines.

The NDR One-on-Ones – A Real Public Survey

Have you ever been asked your opinion or polled like that? Most people have not. Those that talked with me enjoyed the opportunity to share their opinion on that type of real issue, and to be sincerely asked for their questions and comments.

At the very start of the opinion gathering process I often spoke with people in small groups of two to four people in casual conversation. However, I quickly observed that more often than not, people would not feel free to provide their real opinions in front of others. They were inhibited by other people knowing what they really felt about the drug issue and did not bring up other public issues that were of concern to them. Therefore, I changed my approach, the one-on-ones began, and there have been a few thousand of them over the years.

The rate of activity on the project went up and down over the years as *life* has a way of getting in the way of these self-assigned projects. How many of us have known or even been a person trying to write a book on something? There just never seems to be the spare time and the solitude required to complete or even to work on it. Family, work, and things in general so easily get in the way of such personal endeavors.

Over the years, it probably averaged over two presentations per week. I do not mind introducing myself to people I have never met. I am generally easy to talk with and encourage people's comments. Basically, if I saw the opportunity to get somebody's time for 10 or 15 minutes, I was on it! No mercy! I would simply state, "I am writing a book on national drug reform and I would appreciate it if you had the time to hear it and give me your opinion," in a totally non-threatening manner.

To the absolute credit to the nature of our people, I rarely got a 'no' in reply – and again most were complete strangers – one-time encounters. In our conversation they would at least hear the short version of the NDR program. And very often these impromptu conversations went well beyond 15 minutes.

My Sense of the Public's Attitude

These real, 'person-in-the-street' opinion sessions were most informative and have made all the difference. In the talks, people told me what they liked and did not like, and they spoke about their frustrations with various other problems within the National System, not just the drug issue. Weighing their comments, I continually refined the NDR design thereby increasing the probability of acceptance by the general public and the program's likelihood of success when implemented. Therefore, it is with extreme confidence I believe that the "net" of all their — the general public's concerns and comments are accounted for in the NDR Proposal.

That belief most importantly means to me that the NDR proposal, as well as the 25-plus proposals that make up the America Agenda to be presented, will be found socially acceptable by the vast majority of the American electorate. This objective sense of the public's interest in the Common Good – in doing what is right for our citizens is extremely important to me and is at the heart of the CS2 message to you.

I must note that I have had an interest in news, politics, and world events since I was a child. Therefore, this self-assignment was not totally out of left field considering my personal interests and my lifelong curiosity in things political.

I am a native born Washingtonian, and proud of it! Having worked in and

around both Baltimore City and Washington, DC all of my adult life I have had the opportunity to have good conversations with people from many states across our nation and a good many countries, as well. Frankly most of the people in the DC metropolitan area are from somewhere else. I moved back there from the Baltimore area myself in the early 1970's.

I firmly believe that all my direct conversations with so many different people over the years on the NDR proposal, on many other domestic and foreign policy issues, and discussing the various world events as they have occurred over the last 25 years — has taught me many things about the general public's heart and their mutual desire for a better world for us all to live in.

Those real insights, along with my background in problem solving, my desire to be of good service to my country, and my faith — have provided me with the strength and confidence required to continue with this challenge that can be so overwhelming at times — and the inner peace I have as it unfolds.

All that said, I believe that I write for the Silent Majority of Americans. It is purely the challenge of my lifetime. And I am so thankful for the opportunity.

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2. The National System

The “**National System**” is the title I use when referring to America’s social and economic structure — the way in which America *really works* on a day-to-day basis – or to put it another way the *Status Quo*.

Status Quo is defined in the *Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary 10th Edition*, as follows:

“state in which; the existing state of affairs;
seeks to preserve the *status quo*”

The National System includes the good, the bad, and the ugly aspects of the American experience today.

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Some years ago a major American corporation used the following as the key phrase in a national advertising campaign,

“*The System is the Solution*”

As a career systems analyst and computer system designer, I always enjoyed that line. What they did not so obviously state in their advertisement was the underlying reality that speaks directly to our current national situation, that being,

“*The Current System therefore is the Problem*”

And that in a nutshell, ladies and gentlemen is our Common Problem. And how we agree to fix “it” or not — is our challenge. “It” in this case is our ***American National System***.

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You are reading a 2007/ very early 2008 literary critique, if not an assault upon the way some things are currently being done and run in our country. To be crystal clear, the message of *The Second Coming of Common Sense* is written and presented with the same confrontational intent as Thomas Paine’s writing in *Common Sense*. Only time and your response will tell if this sincere call and challenge to my fellow American citizens could ring as true today. I believe it can and that it will.

The basic condition of our American National System could be framed as follows:

- Many negative social and economic conditions in the National System have slowly grown to feel customary just because they been allowed to exist for so long, e.g., various forms of crime, poverty, hunger, unemployment, out-sourcing, and homelessness.
- Various public conditions appearing to be normal, even though they are an increasing burden to society and/or have become a functionally counter-productive if not a destructive factor in the National System, e.g., the failed War on Drugs, illegal immigration, and the increasingly dysfunctional Criminal Justice System allowing murder, rape, and pedophile crimes to continue.
- Certain day-to-day parts of the National System we are forced to tolerate, but if they had to be explained objectively to an outsider, would be difficult to justify, e.g., the lack of medical insurance for all Americans, the pro-industry National Energy Policy, the uncontrolled industries such as Oil, Banking, and Pharmaceuticals to name a few, .

Not a “comfortable” condition for *We the People* in many ways.

The ‘direction’ of our National System over the last couple of decades and in the last six years in particular, has increasingly been determined by a ‘shrinking minority’ of self-interested entities. These entities are various socially and economically irresponsible, self-interested people along with organizations and entire industries that are slowly destroying the fabric and future of America one person, one family, one business, and one community at a time.

We the People cannot and will not allow this to continue!

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3. A Partial List of Public Grievances with “Our” U.S. Congress

The following is just a partial list of significant public issues that the U.S. Congress, in particular and the White House are failing to address. No great secrets here. Our initial *Grievance List* will be referred to many times in CS2:

- Automobile/Truck Theft
- Commodity Market Abuses
- Contaminated Food Supply
- Crimes of Physical Assault
- Crimes of Financial Assault
- Drug War in our Streets
- Employment/Income (viable and legal)
- Ending the Iraq War
- Gangs in Our Communities
- Global Warming
- Homelessness
- Housing Costs
- Hunger
- Illegal Immigration – ending it
- Interest Rates on Primary Family Residence
- Katrina Clean-up
- Judicial Legal Complex (JLC)
- Medical Insurance for all American citizens – cradle to grave
- Military Industrial Complex (MIC)
- Oil Industry Windfall Profits and Other Abuses
- Over-weight children, teenagers, and adults
- Poverty Among Our Citizens
- Public Education
- Pre-meditated Murder
- Pre-meditated Pedophile Crimes Against our Youth
- Pre-meditated Rape
- Prescription Medicine Costs
- Stem Cell Research
- Social Security Solvency
- War on Terror

Many of our common public problems will be positively addressed if not resolved to the public’s satisfaction with the timely and appropriate implementation of the proposals to be presented in Part 3 — An American Agenda for 2008 and Beyond. The continued existence of these and other long-standing public problems shall no longer be tolerated by the American electorate. And neither will the U.S. Congress that by their wrong actions and inactions allows it all to continue.

Remember — that the initial Grievance List *only* contains thirty (30) of the issues that help define and explain the public’s disapproval with the Status Quo of our National System, and with the U.S. Congress whose job responsibility it is to resolve such economic and social issues – for the Common Good.

They need to remember that Election Day 11-1-2008 is coming. We are coming!

But What About Abortion and Gay Rights

Funny – how those two issues are not on the Grievance List, even though they were such burning issues in the days leading up to the 2006 election. I realized those two topics were not there well after preparing the list. But why not, since they are the hot issues (with an occasional stem cell or two thrown in) that the political parties, mainly the Republicans, run around the country screaming about as most recent elections approach.

Just as in 2004 — those two “issues” were blatantly used by the Republican Party to whip up funding support and “target” the type of voters easily driven by such personal hot buttons to turn-out and help keep a failed presidency in office for *four more years*. Along with those Terror Alerts right out of the Bush Administration that increased weekly right up to Election Day and then mysteriously stopped! That is what happened folks.

Once again, the lead Republican Party campaign strategist and domestic propagandist – the Ayatollah Rove (I did not coin that title for him, but I did think of it before hearing it in the news). Once again, he played the religious types *like a cheap violin* — using them to achieve yet another un-deserved victory – and maintain POWER. Any questions?

I spoke with more than one such voter (usually Republican) a few months after the 2004 election and they realized they were had and were disgusted about it. To their credit, some of them and others turned-out in 2006 and got partial revenge on the Congress and on the Republican Party in particular. And those Congressional incumbent upsets in both parties were only a taste of what should be in store for the whole Congress in 2008.

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I will not go into these issues in CS2 beyond what is noted here, because they are not public problems to be “solved”. They cannot be prevented just because somebody gets legislation passed – at least as long as we still have a Democracy!

Again, those two social issues are not on the list because they are not public problems. Being for or against them is strictly a personal point-of-view. And

to be clear, neither is a religion-based mindset! I have spoken with confirmed atheists that were totally opposed to or fully accepted both of them.

Objectively Speaking

Issue One

Whether or not to have an abortion is a most difficult, free-will, life decision — that primarily of course involves the woman, and at times the man as well. If a given pregnancy is one that causes the serious consideration of such a painful decision it cannot help but leave permanent psychological marks.

If the personal decision is to have an abortion or a child is born and immediately given up for adoption or a child is born into terrible life conditions and/or an unappreciated even abusive environment – the woman unfortunately carries that knowledge with her for the rest of her life! And bluntly the fact is that there are far more people walking around ‘the world’ today than there would be if abortion was more socially acceptable – hard truth, but the truth all the same.

Preventing Late Term (as early as month five and beyond) abortions when the Mother’s life is not at risk, and mandating that having the “tubes tied” of those that would use abortion as birth-control (for they can be un-tied later) — represent “reasonable” civil control on the part of the American public — and Nothing more than that!

Abortion is a terrible decision for anyone to have to consider let alone decide to do. However, in our Democratic society where separation of Church and State were written into our Founding National Rules and for reasons just like this – it is a necessary civil Right.

The *screamers* on this issue need to spend their time and energy addressing the social and economic conditions that places *some* people in these situations. That way they might actually do something to reduce such occurrences, because unfortunately they will never stop occurring – it is simply a hard part of life.

Issue Two

The natural Gay or Lesbian orientation of a person as opposed to them being a natural Heterosexual male or female *is not a freewill decision*. The people that will not accept the real science and/or cannot think of anything more important to worry about and get involved in someone else’s personal business REALLY need to review that Grievance List for a moment.

And if their particular Holy book and/or type of ‘clergy-person’ tell them it is a sin — that is just wonderful – for them! It is their freewill decision to have the

opinion.

The lamest rhetoric I have ever heard come out of a televangelist mouth is the when someone is 12 or 13 years old, he or she freely decide whether or not to be heterosexual or not! And when they are preaching that to the choir, little do they know that many in the choir know they are a fool for saying it! And I so would dearly love to hear them ask — on national television — the daughter of the current Vice President of the United States whether she was 12 or 13 when she decided.

Enough said.

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Frankly, these are two very unique issues. The Founders knew too well about religious persecution, which is why we have the law in the first place. They forcefully wrote the basic Right To religious freedom, as well as the Freedom From religious persecution into the Constitution to protect the People from other people's views on religion.

I am a Christian and very proud of it. And when some conversations turn on these issues I flatly point out that when Christ was on earth and practicing His ministry — He did not get into politics! He was only concerned with helping people, not controlling them. Some people and those in religious leadership would do well to pray on that!

Further, it might do some people well to seriously consider – to realize — that both religious leaders and politicians, too often have less than holy reasons for pontificating on such issues.

Besides if you cannot convert a devout Yankee fan into a Red Sox fan, or vice versa, what possible hope is there in issues such as these?

I hope you can somehow appreciate how difficult it is attempting to write on such sensitive subject matter.

Amen.

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4. The Screamers

You already have and will be reading many references to this very real, yet rarely recognized political entity and force that I have labeled and refer to repeatedly as the **Screamers**. This is a good place to formally introduce them to the American public in concept and example. They help to perpetuate the *Status Quo*.

In general, they are the people and/or groups that can be relied upon to overtly cry out when potential solutions are offered to various public problems. In truth, most of them are absolutely well-intended. However, in reality they only contribute to the killing of viable public reform based upon their own, often narrowly focused perspective on a given issue or on the real world for that matter. Issues, such as real drug reform, national medical insurance for all citizens, a national citizen id card, the repatriation of illegal immigrants, strict immigration controls by country of origin, and of society's prudent use of the death penalty — to name just a few — always brings out the **Screamers!**

What these individuals and groups do not realize or refuse to acknowledge is that they are at times unintentionally helping those with far less than publicly responsible motives and sometimes the real bad guys, as well. Certain industries (and other entities) do covertly promote the public protesting of the well-intentioned for their own self-serving purposes, more or less using good people/groups to sustain bad, counter-productive policy and blocking positive change.

A Classic Example

While there will be details on this topic later, for a moment let's glance at the decades old, pathetic example of marijuana legalization. In this case, it is the Pharmaceutical (primarily) and Alcohol industries, as well as the real bad guys being the drug barons, traffickers, and distributors – that are all on the side of leaving the National Drug Policy just the way it is! The Plain Truth is that they all want the status quo to remain unchanged. They could be odd-bedfellows, but have been bed-fellows a very long time. And there are other parts of the National System that also profit from our counter-productive National Drug Policy.

Did you ever think about our failed War on Drugs in that context before? Most people I spoke with had not. Maybe take another look at the Grievance List and consider what *entities* directly benefit from the *status quo* regarding the various line items. Give it some thought because we must go through those same entities as we act to correct problems in the National System.

Those Screamers that always cry-out against realistic reform of our National Drug Policy – that is the full legalization and decriminalization of marijuana —

may not like that guilt by association, but that's the true net result of their actions to-date against such practical drug policy reform. And some 9 out of 10 Americans that I have spoken with disagree with them. It could be a difficult reality, but it is a real factor in how America works on a day-to-day basis. The net result in this example is that the alleged War on Drugs continues with all the crime, death, addiction, un-necessary criminal records, imprisonment, and all the other negative impacts it perpetuates within the National System and inflicts upon our fellow Americans. And all drugs are readily available everywhere!

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More examples will be noted later, but for now it would serve for good people in those groups to reflect on the following:

When well-intentioned good guys find themselves,
on the same side of a public issue with the bad guys,
the good guys need to wake-up and review on their position.

To evaluate the “real” benefits and public success of their efforts,
for they are indeed although unintentionally
helping the bad guys succeed.

A harsh reality.

The Screamers work to prevent positive social and economic change, due often to their narrow view of the world on a single issue. Not the Big Picture.

For example, briefly consider the “avoidable” negative impacts of the uncontrolled drug business places on the lives of so many of our people in the past, today, as well as tomorrow unless we move beyond these useless types of bottlenecks and implement the practical changes required to correct such dysfunctional aspects of America's National System.

We the People, have the power to move beyond the marijuana legalization *type of impasse* – to prudently alter the Status Quo and correct such past mistakes in public policy, thus preventing further societal decline and the human suffering that such policies guarantee.

It is just common sense...

5. Illegal Occupants (IO)

Speaking of Screamers..., I determined to initiate the discussion on the *illegal immigration crisis* now although it will be touched on in various areas herein and in particular under the American Population Management (APM) proposal.

What's in a Name

First, “what to call” the foreign born individuals that acting upon their own *freewill* decided to enter our nation via a route they knew to be absolutely illegal, being against Federal law and the will of the American people. We the People *never* invited them in!

Also, most of them enter with the intention of staying permanently if they can get away with it? This is a *pre-meditated* violation of our national boundaries. Technically this is a variation of “breaking and entering” at the national level instead of the usual home or business invasion – instant felony.

There is an on-going, boring debate about what to call the border violators that make up this group. The usual terms like illegal immigrants or illegal aliens are said to be offensive or demeaning by those (the screamers) supportive of this free-will driven, “illegal” flow of people into our nation. However, they cannot come up with a name that they like either – you know one that can get around that nasty “illegal” thing!

The facts are that there are multiple federal laws against them being here, they were born outside the U.S., they are citizens of another country, they are now occupying space and housing in our nation as un-invited entrants, and most have some form(s) of false, i.e., forged identification.

In business I enjoyed developing names for things over the years, but it took a while to come up with something appropriate for this group. I offer the name of **IO** for “**Illegal Occupants**” as the on-going, public title for anyone that is physically in our country and came here some way other than through the legal process. I will use “**IO**” throughout CS2 when referencing such individuals or the group as a whole.

I hope you like it!

The Truth of the Matter

In all sincerity, you should be detecting a generally negative attitude regarding the IO crisis in these words. Absolutely correct! That is simply because CS2 boldly and without apology represents the overriding attitudes and frustrations of the American citizens and taxpayers.

As a clarification to the world - that the sign at the base of the Statue of Liberty reads,

“Give me your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free.”

It does not say,

**“Give me your excess population that you do not want
or care to deal with.”**

Is that clear enough? The IO issue is by my observations and frequent talks with other Americans, a real and present aggravation to the American electorate. And it is often a sore point with those that immigrated here legally and properly became naturalized citizens!

There is No Leadership like *No Leadership*

Over the last 21 years since then President Reagan and the Congress passed the ‘band-aid’ 1986 Immigration Act, our politicians and various self-interested lobbies have both ignored and encouraged the flow of IOs. Our elected national level ‘leadership’ have totally failed to enforce our existing Immigration Control Policy to protect American society, although they have liked talking the IO issue when fund-raising and during re-election campaigns.

It is obvious that the greatest percentage of IOs arrive by land from the Central and South American (CSA) countries and Mexico in particular. At the same time, millions of the IOs have arrived from all around the world. They come via airplane or ship, under the cover of business, vacation or for education, but then failed to leave the country on the date they agreed. Others are those that originally came here legally through the Visa program, but also failed to leave the country as they declared in their paperwork.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently estimated that there are 11 to 15 million IOs currently in the country, but it could easily be 20 million — who really knows? It is a situation that is totally out of control, everyone knows it, and the U.S. Congress bears the responsibility.

The U.S. Congress is not acting to help the states fight the influx of IOs and facilitate their deportation — which is their responsibility. The budgets of states like Arizona, New Mexico, and California for example, are absolutely being hammered by this IO overhead. Towns all across the country are being required to pass laws to punish employers that hire them and against landlords that rent to them. All of which could be avoided if the Congress would simply do their job — as you will read more than once herein — per their basic job description **it is**

the responsibility of Congress to solve the problems that cannot be resolved at the local or state level.

In my conversations with people on political issues, quite often they will bring up the topic of IOs and express their frustration with what it is doing to our nation. The VAST majority of the American public is totally disgusted with this invasion and the no guts, no action Congress. That is to say nothing about the current resident of the White House that blatantly encourages the IO flow strictly for political reasons (helping business obtain cheap labor) and keeps trying to find an acceptable way to say '*path to amnesty*'. But, there just ain't no acceptable way to be saying that!

They Prefer Option Number One

Congress is consistently taking the *classical first option* when it comes to problem-solving and considering Change options – that is *to do absolutely nothing!* To let things just continue as they will – the status quo is therefore protected due to inaction! Regrettably, that is Congress' first choice when it comes to numerous public problems. And that will all be coming to an end!

The Hard Economic Reality to be Reconciled

For too many years and increasingly since the band-aid Immigration Act of 1986, our economy has grown un-naturally with the uncontrolled infusion of population and the related buying of goods and services they generate. Say what? This means that our economy has grown in ways it would and should not have if we had controlled borders and these IOs were not here acting as consumers and workers.

Strictly by comparison it would have grown slower and that would not have been a bad thing for the Common Good of Main Street, although Wall Street will gag on those words. It is called natural economic growth. What a concept!

Correspondingly the incidents of murder, robbery, gangs violence, rape, as well as the unnecessary educational, medical, housing, federal and state prison space, and other social service costs at all levels of tax-payer funded spending – would never have happened. Remember those points and all of that avoidable human suffering during the next election when your man or woman is seeking re-election.

The practical economic adjustments that will necessarily need to be made are what concerns some businesses and investors, as well as the politicians that can actually grasp of Big Picture — not all of them do.

The multi-year adjustments during the eventual repatriation of most of the IOs and many of their *citizenship-born* children will be perceived as pending loss by an anxious business community – and there will be losers as well as winners. These will be hard, but manageable economic and human changes. No one said this was going to be easy, but the national bleeding must be stopped and the healing begun or the patient shall be forever damaged.

Just as with the un-doing of our failed National Drug Policy – We the People are now forced to correct the legislative in-action of the past in order to preserve the Common Good of citizens and our country for the future. And the future is now – history starts today!

Some Thoughts on the IO Invasion

- Over the years the IO situation has been covertly and overtly promoted by large and small business. American business (hospitality, agriculture, and cleaning services in particular) has always had a love affair with the cheap labor that crosses our borders illegally. This is one of those unspoken truths that everyone knows about. And even though the business community will claim no responsibility for it, they have lobbied (often covertly) against any legislation that would put anything more than a worn band-aid on this open and bleeding National wound.
- Not wanting to control IOs is one of the unspoken reasons why Congress always runs away from the public need for a National Identification Card System for all citizens and visitors. Think about that for a while.
- IOs come from countries on every continent. I remember hearing several years ago the about an unfortunate woman from Poland that drowned in the Rio Grand river trying to cross from Mexico into the U.S.
- The flow of more IOs is also directly encouraged and sponsored by family, friends, and businesses within our own borders, as well as other IOs already in the country. And the governments of CSA countries aggressively encourage the flow.
- IOs are uninvited visitors, not guests. This national border violation most commonly occur when someone illegally crosses our wide-open land borders with Mexico (mostly) or Canada.
- Yes, there is Mexico – that has not been willing to work with our government to enforce any system to reduce and/or control the flow. And why should they? They have it all right now. They functionally have the Congress of the United States of America and the Bush II White House in particular in their back pocket!

- Mexico and the other CSAs, are dumping their unwanted population – sending their most illiterate and too often criminal citizens here. And at the same time they are receiving remittances in the amount of billions of dollars annually as all those little revenue centers send dollars back home, transferred with the *gleeful* help of ‘our’ fee collecting, Latino-friendly banks.
- The Mexican government openly promotes the constant, daily stream of IOs across our Southern border. Many have traveled from Mexico’s southern border with Guatemala and Belize from other CSA countries — with the required pay-offs to various gangs, and Mexican police, military, and officials along the way.
- Mexico was given NAFTA on a silver platter. We neglected the need to send them and the other CSA countries **Planned Parenthood** as part of the package! And that is not intended as a comic remark.
- Mexico also grows the base crops, manufactures, and traffics in all types of ‘hard’ drugs across our wide-open, non-fenced border all the way to our neighborhoods. The next time someone references the Mexican government as our partner in the Drug War ask them what planet they are visiting from.

Overall these conditions will be coming to an end and the controlled world-wide repatriation will begin.

The Growing Political Storm

The entire IO issue will be a critical and politically unavoidable issue in the up-coming 2008 Presidential and Congressional campaigns. However, it is the Congress of the United States of America that could address this national problem (and many others) at any time. Presidents have come and gone since 1986, but with a normal 90-plus percent incumbent re-election rate, the members of both houses of Congress are around for decades. They are responsible...

Question — can you name one (1) single member of Congress or any president in the last 21 years that has stood up in public and loudly demanded that the IOs from South of the Border and around the world must quit coming? No you cannot — because it has never happened!! And that includes your state’s favorite sons and daughters in Congress.

Grimly, it is fair to say that the IOs and their domestic support groups (the screamers for this issue) are enjoying better representation within the halls of Congress than does the Common Good of the American public. This totally

unacceptable condition within the status quo of our National System will now come to a practical conclusion.

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Again the Common Interest of all citizens – us – is to be addressed and be our first priority.

One of the most difficult things to do in a society is to correct past mistakes and/or inaction, in economic and social policy – I said **difficult**, but **not impossible** to correct. We can, we must, we will address our Population Management issues and the lack of federal law enforcement.

We Americans are a compassionate people, slow to anger. We cannot help but cheer the underdog because that is what all of our ancestors once were. However, we must deal with this and other issues now so that our children and those that follow them will be able to enjoy their own country.

And as a direct by-product of our prudent actions, other nations of the world will be forced to deal with their internal population and social problems, and that in time could make living conditions within their home countries worthy of their own people remaining there!

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What comes next is guaranteed to produce a series of political chain reactions – Industry Restructuring. Revolutions, even a legislative type such as this one — are not easy – they are only necessary.

6. American Industry Re-Structuring

*“We the People — do not owe any company, corporation or industry
a profit or even its continued existence,
if it would come at the expense of our People and our Society”
“So let the battle lines be drawn”*

The American Industry Re-Structuring (AIR) Program

Concept – New Rules

Have no illusions regarding what is before us, my fellow Americans — this is where the rubber meets the road – and the bullet meets the bone!

For the Common Good to prevail over the naturally occurring evolution of Corporate Greed, the People shall now debate and commonly agree as to how business will be *permitted* to operate within the American National System. An interesting statement, don't you think?

The Common Good and the National System

Logically, we will acknowledge that certain ‘essential components’ of the National System to have become operationally dysfunctional with regard to the Common Good of the people and the economy we all must depend upon. The un-elected leadership of such business entities are more and more helping themselves without concern for the Common Good and all under the cover of “my job is making money for the stockholders.” And our elected national leadership either willingly promotes the growing abuse or stands by with a mystified look on his or her face.

That increasingly counter-productive national condition not only hits families, but most businesses small and large as we find ourselves being forced to tolerate avoidable economic conditions (need I say Oil). Forced to tolerate the Economic Oppression by the unspoken, unwritten, and non-legislated “RIGHT” – that is silently claimed by various commercial and bureaucratic entities.

This un-Democratic, quietly dictatorial Consolidation of Power will not be allowed to continue. *Reason* shall call this regressive economic oppression for what it is – the greed and self-serving domination of the Few at the literal expense in dollars and actual lives among the Many. Priceless American lives are lost every day due to a broken medical system, the worthless National Drug Policy, and the optional and now failed Iraq war to name just a few sources.

As I will ask more than once, when in the last 50 years my fellow Americans did

the lives of our people become so cheap, that they are thrown away on such *preventable* things? An undeclared Legislative Kill Factor (LKF) against We the People, that benefits certain self-serving, civilly irresponsible businesses and special interests has been written into our national laws and policies.

There is no common sense in any this — it is profits and influence, over people and peace. “Beware ye, also of false profits”.

This national Status Quo that has increasingly been servicing the Special Interests will be thoughtfully and deliberately confronted and restructured by the absolute intent of the Many to preserve, protect, and defend the Common Good. Thomas Paine framed changing the status quo and confronting the obvious flaws of colonial America,

“... , a long habit of not thinking a thing *wrong*, gives it the superficial appearance of being *right*, and raises at first the formidable outcry in the defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason.”

Certain business entities on the domestic front and those with increasingly foreign entanglements (need I say Oil, again) have had their day and frankly their way with us! The People and the Common Good will now be served.

Key operational components of the National System that impact the successful operation of business large and small in America – will no longer be directed by faceless corporate executives and Boards of Directors, a powerful minority, and un-American foreign policy. The tail shall not wag the dog!

The industries and business “Entities” addressed under the AIR program will be re-directed from purely self-serving priorities and the lobbying it promotes, to motivations that only promote the Common Good of our people, other businesses in the National System, and the society as a whole. The long held public perception of, and the actual utilization of these Entities within our National System, will be made-over to serve the Common Good of America’s economy and society. And these changes will not be voluntary or optional.

Not Privately or Government Run – A Practical Compromise

This will not be a re-structuring where the government would assume day-to-day control over these Entities. At the same time the dysfunctional private industry management of them can no longer be afforded or tolerated..

There is a practical management facility to be created that lies somewhere between the purely privately-run and the often screamed about and dreaded government-run model. The form and function of that operational facility will

vary from industry-to-industry and business-to-business depending on what will best accommodate the Common Good of America Citizens and provide a National System re-designed to insure a viable future for our people. And it will all be done with the “informed consent” of our citizens — and no one else.

So now let us talk about Business...

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“Our” Dysfunctional National Infrastructure Industries

This is a preview of the types of publicly beneficial, yet corporately radical AIR programs to be employed in the deliberate restructuring of certain currently *dysfunctional* industries within our National System.

The initial set of AIR program proposals will be presented in Part 3 – An American Agenda, under the heading of Industry Restructuring and the particular sub-heading of Existing Industries. To provide a working example, the industry that was used to initially develop this economic model will be previewed below – that being the Medical Insurance Industry.

The AIR program proposals presented focus on a group of industries that are in some unavoidable manner woven into our economic system and impact the lives of virtually every American, each family, and other businesses on a monthly if not daily basis. Therefore, this somewhat odd set of bed-fellows has been generally categorized as National Infrastructure Industries (NII). There are of course other entities (e.g., Coal, Natural Gas, the Automobile industry or what is left of it and the Commodities Market) that could easily be added to this list. But for now, those at the head of the list and that most deserve to be there are — in somewhat random order:

- 1 The Medical Insurance Industry
- 2 The Pharmaceutical Industry
- 3 National Drug Reform (Controlling the Hard Drug Industry)
- 4 The Oil Industry
- 5 The Banking and Credit Card Industry
- 6 The Tobacco (Nailing the Most Deadly Drug) Industry
- 7 The Defense (Military Industrial Complex) Industry

Consider this for a few moments:

I submit that the two (2) greatest “problem causing and perpetuating entities” that face the world today are driven by the Oil Industry and the Illegal Drug Industry – our numbers 4 and 3, above. And they will both be dealt with!

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Applying the AIR Program within Our National System

As I know you can imagine after considering that list, the industries in this vital grouping along with their entrenched Congressional lobbying machines (talk about screaming) could be viewed as doing the American economy and our people far more harm than the practical good they could and should be providing, and all in the name of stockholder dividends, executive compensation, and maintaining their piece of the pie at any cost – the status quo, again.

The AIR program will provide “levels of operational restructuring” that will be applied to given industry or business dependent upon what is required to reach a functional reconciliation within the National System that is acceptable to the American public — what will be of best service *our* nation’s short and long-term economic health and our society in general.

Another era of “greed” in the American national voyage is over, just as the “Robber Baron type” scenarios of the past were eventually “dealt with” by legislation or Crash — it is time for these entities to be put in their place for the Common Good of the nation.

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The De-Profittization of Infrastructure Industries

“*De-Profittization*” is a core concept of the American Industry Re-Structuring — AIR Program.

The concept of the “De-Profittization” of Infrastructure Industries firmly declares – that certain of our national industries and large individual businesses when found appropriate, will necessarily be restructured from their current charter of operation and their for-profit or non-profit organizational status. This is a civilly responsible ‘reckoning’ of their current power and influence within day-to-day America.

Remember that real Change within any country’s National System creates both winners and losers – always has and always will. It can be accomplished peacefully as we will do it or by sharp contrast the way it is unfolding in Iraq!

In these scenarios American society, American workers, and other businesses will be the winners. At the same time we will need to reasonably facilitate the transition of the losers — businesses and especially the workers/employees to the newly structured National System. Loss cannot mean destruction, because we are talking about our own people. However there will also be prudent limits to the considerations granted.

Remember, I said everything is on the table. And the table is set! We can get to there from here...

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Being selected for implementation of the AIR program guidelines will result in the short-term to permanent restructuring of certain publicly held (stockholder involved) corporations. Some points for consideration in this process include:

- Freezing of share price on the stock market.
- Future trading will be strictly controlled and could be halted.
- The eventual removal from the stock market in some cases.
- Having the existing share prices fixed for buy-back.
- Existing stockholders would be bought out over a number of years, e.g., about seven (7).
- Corporate assets could be sold off (to American buyers) to help expedite the buy-out process.
- Stock buy-back will make all that investment capital available for other purposes in the economy. A very good thing.

These publicly acceptable Changes will be plain and simple, and will not be negotiable. No back-room deals will be permitted. New and publicly practical

laws will be enacted, foolish laws and loop-holes will be *rapidly* revised or eliminated, legislative corrections made where possible, and routine patterns of corporate greed will be reconciled to the Common Good.

It is just common sense.

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At Their Beginning

In years past, the founding entrepreneurs of today's large publicly held corporations, initially sought simply to build a business and provide income for their family and for their employees.

I call such basic forms of non-stock encumbered businesses, an Income Generating Entity or IGE. IGEs produce goods and/or services in the economy and provide employment, income, and some level of benefits to the owner/operator and their employees. These are the types of businesses that built America and are required to sustain it.

Over the years many of those companies evolved into stock-held corporate entities. In time those founding men and women were succeeded by a series of executives and Board of Directors that in recent decades are increasingly driven by spreadsheets and are primarily interested in stockholder dividends and their increasingly excessive compensation. Further, most have a corporate field of vision that is generally being less than twelve (12) months into the future. That is the basic reason why it took Detroit twenty (20) years to at least figure out they were getting their corporate butts kicked by foreign imports! And they are still dragging one foot.

Technically, and the only justifiable rationale (excuse) for the actions of the un-elected leadership of these corporate entities, is to acknowledge that however their business may negatively impact the average American, another business or the overall economy is simply not part of their job description. It is not what they were hired to worry about or to do! Some of them have even acknowledged that publicly!

The Plain Truth is that a given executive's (freewill) ability to ignore of the Common Good of the people and of the nation if necessary, in favor of the corporate bottom line — and their own paychecks — is the very reason why *they get paid the big bucks!* If they did not do it, they would be fired, and someone willing to do that job would replace them.

Are there any questions?

Our Example of Dramatic Public Driven Change

When the American colonists boldly took on England's King George III, his ministers, and the National System of the British Empire — they put it all on the line. On July 4, 1776 when the selected representatives of the common people (all of whom the King viewed as peasants) stood together and made their *Declaration of Independence* — the war that had been simmering since 1774 truly began.

In that war, the brave Few took up arms acting for the Many — went to war for themselves, their families, and their neighbors. In the end, approximately 25,000 of them or roughly one (1) percent of the colonial population lost their lives in that struggle — which against America's population today would be about 3,000,000 of our people or nearly 1,000 lost from every county in the country.

For a moment consider that level of human sacrifice that represented on the part of the colonial population. They were not professional soldiers — they were farmers, tradesman, merchants, and doctors one day – and some were dead in battle shortly thereafter. They represented the nation's first National Guard setting the standard for the troops that are fighting this very day.

Just as during the revolution, there are true citizen soldiers that have paid the ultimate price in battle or will carry the scars of battle for the rest of their lives, and they come from communities in every state and DC. And it is bad enough for our regular military to lose a single life or suffer such wounds. God bless all those that serve in our military.

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Our Challenge

CS2 is calling upon Americans to join in the final battle for control over America's National System. To confront the negative ways that our country *really works today* – and insure that *our Common Will dictates* the positive ways it shall *really work tomorrow!*

Our national ancestors stood and fought against centuries of governmental tyranny and established a form of government designed to serve the Common Good of the Masses instead of the pleasure of the Few. However, the other side of the Sword of Tyranny still remains to be dulled.

We the People are now challenged to bring about a Democratic Economic System designed to benefit the Common Good of us all. A fair and balanced system that is designed under the Rights granted to us by our U.S. Constitution.

It will be an economic reconciliation and revolution that will directly confront the natural evolution of a Have/Have-Not society that is the cruel norm in too many countries, and is aggressively working to control all aspects of American society.

We cannot – We will not allow this to continue. It is nothing less than an Economic Reformation that is the Democratic heart and soul of our Second and Final American Revolution.

Yes, We the People are now challenged to confront the excessive power gained by the Kings and Queens of Industry, along with their campaign funded ministers now serving in the United States Congress, and the all too cooperative current inhabitant of the White House and his side-kick.

And thanks to the U.S. Constitution that our national ancestors provided for us, We the People of today will not be required to fire a single shot to be successful in our historical revolution! To be crystal clear, while there many public problem areas addressed and workable solutions clearly set forth in CS2, *none of them* are as volatile nor as required to secure the nation's future than those that will initiate and bring to a successful conclusion the binding reconciliation between Industry, the un-elected politically powerful, and the Common Good. And the Common Good of our citizens and society shall prevail!

The Plain Truth

The Plain Truth answer is to that question and too many other agonizing public problems is that the dynamic duo of self-serving special interest lobbies *plus* national politicians desiring to maintain their positions of public power unfortunately *equals* the intentional promotion and die-hard preservation of *the dysfunctional status quo* within our National System — at any cost.

The Truth only requires a relatively few words to be spoken or written. Fortunately for us the same brevity of words also applies when defining practical, publicly acceptable solutions to our national problems. *The Second Coming of Common Sense* presents over twenty (25) such solutions designed to promote and preserve the Common Good of our fellow American citizens.

It has been said that *money is the root of all evil*. I say to you now that the unchecked *lust* for power and wealth, and its retention at any price — *is the cause of all evil*. That lust now runs too freely through the halls of our Congress and far too much of corporate America.

To be sure, We the People must now conduct and aggressively bring to satisfactory resolution a final reconciliation between the National System and the Common Good of our fellow Americans citizens and society. Therefore,

everything is on the table.

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Their American Revolution gave the world a living model of Democracy in Government Order designed for the Common Good of the Masses.

Our American Revolution will provide the world with a living model of Democracy in Economic Order also designed for the Common Good of the Masses.

We shall accomplish all of this for ourselves, for our children, and for theirs.

That is our Challenge...

The AIR Model's First Challenge

"If We Do Not Have Our Health"

I have reviewed this concept with numerous people and it has been very well received.

It was the process of researching the proposal on health care for ALL Americans that caused me to initially develop the AIR concepts and model, including what is termed the de-Profittization of publicly held corporations. Therefore, the first corporate entity to be presented for review under the AIR program will be the Health Care "Insurance" Industry.

The full version of this proposal is contained in An American Agenda. However, key portions are included next with some changes to provide you with a viable frame of reference and practical example. The Health Insurance Industry is a prime example because it will experience the full impact of the AIR re-Structuring and de-Profittization process.

Other industries and businesses will do well to observe what could be their eventual fate and make appropriate voluntary changes to avoid it — rather than working behind the scenes to prevent it!

Health Care for All Americans

Insurance versus Providers

There are two (2) basic functions that comprise Health Care in ours or any other country. One is the Insurance or administrative function and the other is the

Provider function.

The Health Care Insurance (HCI) function generally covers various cradle-to-grave routine medical treatment, hospitalization, rehabilitation, and long-term care needs, as well as dental, and vision care needs. HCI is an **administrative** function and has to do with enrollment, claims processing, coverage options, cost of services, making payments for services rendered, and preventing fraud.

The Health Care Provider (HCP) function is comprised of doctors, nurses, hospitals, laboratories, rehabilitation facilities, etc., those trained and charged with the proper **delivery** of health care services to the patient.

The HCI administers the dollars, while the HCP performs the work. The former is *not rocket science* while the latter is philosophically *intended* to provide a better quality of physical and mental life through *preventive* medicine, appropriately timed treatment, emergency care, and the effective and minimal use of medication. Does that sound about right?

The vast majority of people that I have spoken with over the years believe that national health care is a forgone conclusion. Their primary concerns are how much more or less will it cost me, what level of coverage would I have, what organizational form will it take, and when (how soon) will it finally happen?

Not that a national health care system is an exciting prospect to the American public, but they feel that 47-plus million of our people with little to no medical coverage is wrong and that it needs to be dealt with. And with insurance costs climbing every year and more people un-insured or less insured all the time, it is seen as a practical necessity. At least by the public!

And people want to know why isn't it done, yet?

Now let We the People take a look at resolving the National Health Care problem.

The People's Challenge is Hereby Issued to the U.S. Congress

On the behalf of my fellow Americans, I do bluntly challenge the entire 535 members of the U.S. Congress to answer the following question:

Will the Congress once and for all provide ALL American (citizen) men, women, and children with basic cradle to grave health coverage – with the target date for said universal coverage to take effect on 1-1-2009?

Yes or No, are the only permitted answers. Even though it will most likely be

done retroactively by the new congress.

It is time come clean with the American public. After all, working out this type of common public problem is exactly what the U.S. Congress was originally created and chartered to do. They are responsible for solving our common problems — issues that cannot be resolved at the local, county, city or state levels. It is their job!

And Their Final Answer Is...

If their answer is **NO**, we can all simply quit wasting public resources perpetually studying and discussing it, and move on other topics. The growing number of unfortunate Americans without health insurance coverage can just accept living without it and **stop their constant whining and complaining!**

Because obviously for a few decades now the Congress of the United States of America and whoever the president happened to be (not counting the Clintons that at least tried, but got crushed) – were and are under the absolute control of various medical and pharmaceutical industry lobbyists – obviously **do not care** about them. The lobbyists have won the war! We the People have lost....

Face it *my fellow Americans* that **is** where we are today! The truth is still the truth even if it is being blatantly ignored. And that grim reality applies in more than one issue we will be dealing with.

However, if their answer is **YES**, and how could there be any other response if an irate American electorate really presses the issue on all the candidates during the primaries and all the way to 11-4-2008.

If so, then just what practical form could the new national HCI entity take? Let's take a look!

Health Care Insurance First

This AIR Program proposal will directly address the HCI function, only. Addressing the HCI function first is the operationally practical approach to take, and it will cause publicly beneficial changes regarding the HCP function as well – along with strong “side effects” for our old buddies in the Pharmaceutical Industry.

The HCP function could be addressed as a separate issue at some later time. For now, urgently needed operational improvements must be deliberately applied to the grossly redundant, expensive, and counter-productive administrative function that is today's HCI Industry.

As a frame of reference, a primary argument over the years has been driven by the issue of government versus privately run health care. Both are wrong. Our answer was found between the two. The fireworks begin here.

U.S. Health Insurance Group (HIG)

Finally, I offer the **fourth option** that will not only be something new in the national health care debate, but what I believe will become our “final answer”.

In summary, the American business community – working in conjunction with but not directed by federal and state governments — will assume control and management of the nation’s HCI system.

The existing Medical Insurance Industry (MII) corporate entities will be required to rapidly consolidate operations into a single, non-profit entity that will be administered outside of the government by a consortium made up of American business representatives.

This viable, public approach would involve the following:

- Creation of a fully, non-profit entity called the U.S. Health Insurance Group (HIG) to be operated and administered by the American business community. The HIG would not be a government agency or a stock held corporation.
- This new insurance entity’s mission will be to provide the American public with a centralized and efficient HCI system.
- All existing for-profit and nonprofit health insurance companies, including divisions and/or subsidiaries of multi-insurance corporations, will be legislatively mandated to restructure and fully transfer their operations into the HIG entity.
- Since the HIG will not be a government entity, it will not involve civil service jobs. Employment in this entity would follow a private industry model.
- The creation of this entity would be a joint venture between the federal government (we the taxpayers) and American business community, including Wendy’s, Ford, Starbucks, Sears, Hallmark, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, every grocery store, every other small and large business in the country, and so on – right down to you and us!
- The Provider portion (e.g., doctors, nurses, etc.) of the Medical Industry will not be legislatively addressed by this public policy.

- Existing stockholders will be bought out over a multi-year period at the stock price as of January 2008 or some prudent, not inflated share price. Selected corporate assets could be sold off (to Americans, only) to expedite the buy-out.
- Existing executives will be retired and their excess compensation packages will pass into U.S. economic history. Keeping the Congress from doing the right thing for decades has been their mission. The new management will have a new and improved publicly oriented mission.
- The new management of the HIG could be compensated with reasonable high six-figure incomes and benefits, not the multi-million dollar compensation packages executives now receive. And I assure you that there will be no shortage of qualified people seeking those positions. I'm sorry, but running an HCI company is simply not rocket science!
- The HIG will see to it that Americans will have basic cradle to grave medical coverage to be effective by January 1, 2009.
- In time all existing government operated health insurance functions, would also be systematically merged into this entity, as well.
- There would be HIG operating units in every state, major city, etc., as required to support the enrollment, claims processing, and fraud prevention. All jobs will be domestic-based and all out-sourcing will be recalled.

As a very positive “side-effect” the ever-loving Pharmaceutical industry will have only one (1) entity to deal with (just like our Canadian cousins) when negotiating the cost of prescription drugs – the HIG that works for us! That industry’s long run of greed is about to end.

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That’s it in a nutshell folks — our long waited solution to the National Health Insurance for All Americans problem.

Granted that it might sound a bit odd at first, but it will grow on you. I will not spend anymore words explaining the overall issue here, see Part 3 for that. However, I have a comment for those that are thinking “they will never let that happen.”

They have kept this and many other things a problem for us because *We* have not said, “enough already.”

The Congress will begin doing what We say only IF it is said loudly and clearly enough. We do have the Right, the opportunity, and the obligation to say just that between now and 11-4-2008.

It will be our way or the highway for Congress!

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7. A Historical Political Challenge for “Your” Consideration

And now for the *final answer* to our on-going problems with the dysfunctional U.S. Congress.

On Presidential Election Day 11-4-2008 – *we American citizens* will again have the Constitutional opportunity to go to polls to elect a new President and Vice President. Too bad it is not sooner!

Please consider that if we choose to, we will make this Election Day the truly historical national event it so desperately *needs* to be. We will focus on the fact that every two (2) years We the People have the opportunity to re-elect, or not, the entire 435 members of the House of Representatives, as well as 33 or 34 members of the Senate. Yes, every two (2) years. And we could forget worrying about term limits!

All 535 members of our dysfunctional Congress continue to have their jobs *only* because we keep voting them back into office. We the People can come together and throw some 468 of them all out of office on 11-4-2008. And, I objectively believe the country will be better off if we “just do it”.

The nation, the Congress as a body, and both Parties got a minor taste of what that could feel like on 11-7-2006 when the part of the disgusted American electorate went to the polls and bounced enough long-term incumbents in both houses to give the Democrats a majority in the House and the Senate. And many of the incumbents that were re-elected had much tighter races than they were used to. Miracles can happen and that was just our warm-up!

I submit that, that Election Day was We the People, the real owners of America firing a Democratic warning shot across the figurative bow of Congress and signaling the start of the Second American Revolution. The power shift it initiated was truly a shot heard across the country and around the world. We did not even get out the big guns yet, but we’ll be back!

On Congressional Probation

I say to you that We must look at the 435 members of the House and the 33 members of the Senate that will be up for re-election on 11-4-2008 as being on Congressional Probation for their jobs until that day arrives. This is a pass/fail situation for Congress, and they are currently failing.

In the interim, Congress will need to demonstrate to an even more disgusted electorate that they are legislatively worthy of retaining their cherished jobs. Many of the proposals in An American Agenda presented herein can be easily be implemented or be well on their way by that critical date. We must direct our

focus and questions on the 468 members up for election in 2008, just as much as the candidates for President and Vice President.

If the Congress sees the light, decides to lead, and begins actually passing prudent legislation (despite the lobbyists) over that time period they might get to keep their jobs. It will be a hard sell. It would serve Bush II very well not to start vetoing such legislation — for it will be over-ridden. And put him on notice not to use his terribly abused legislative Signing Statement Authority to gut that legislation. Because We will be watching everything. The Congress may need to suspend the Signing Statement Authority for the remainder of his term. And the Supreme Court would need to insure the action stuck.

Further, from what I have learned it could take Congress less than 90 days to remove him (and the VP) from office – just something to be considered. All of that is of course not intended to be at all threatening — it is just the People’s Right.

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That simply summarizes the technically logical sequence of political events we could see played out before our very eyes! This is all very serious folks. The useless games must end for the sake of our Common Good.

Please give it all some thought. Review the Grievance List again and consider how little Congress does to functionally address those serious national issues and others not listed. There will be more on this in Part 5.

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