

## MIKE BURKE S US ECONOMIC AND RESCUE PLAN

### INTRODUCTION:

Friends, Family, and my fellow Americans I come to you at a time when our future in America looks grim. Many of us now know and some have known that the United States of America is in serious trouble. What hurts the most is that Freedom is in serious jeopardy. Men have shed their blood on this soil and risked their lives so that we could have this freedom. Even today Men and Woman fight on the front lines to protect this great gift. When the Declaration of Independence was published on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776 the world had freedom for the first time. Now it could very well die and soon.

I wake up every morning in utter disbelief that this is the same country I lived in a decade ago. I am stunned that we actually have to fight to save our union or we lose it. This is the first time in my lifetime and even my in parents that we are this close to the end of the United States as we know it. At first I didn t want to believe it. Not this country. We can withstand anything. This is America damn it! I no longer believe that. I watch what our congress and all the political leaders are doing and see how they are bleeding us out. No matter how much we tell them to stop they keep doing it. This is not about right or left. They are all doing this to us. As I didn t want to believe what was happening I held onto hope. Hope that we can beat this. That hope is dwindling. What really alarmed me was after a very smart person who happens to have connections on the inside of Washington began to point out certain things that were going on and even things that had not happen yet. As I watched each thing unfold I knew we were in trouble. It s like a puzzle. Each day a new piece would match up with the other pieces. What was happening was to not be denied. The press refused to report it as each puzzle connected. When this puzzle is complete we are finished. It is this serious.

My name is Mike Burke and I am an American born citizen. Like many I didn t really appreciate what I was born into. I mean until we really know what this country is all about and what our predecessors had to go through to create this great place we really don t know what freedom is. As I learned in school about our forefathers and what they did to bring freedom to the world I learned to love this country. Even at an early age I would watch President Ronald Reagan in amazement that after 200 years we are still going. I have always loved how our system worked. No King but a leader that had to answer to us. On Election Day we would show our frustrations or happiness with the candidates running. We chose who would represent us and if they failed us out they went. What amazes me most is that in the 233 years since we declared our freedom we went from nothing but an idea to the greatest country the world has ever seen. I knew that when I was a kid as much as I know it now. I have based my whole life on that. I have myself gone from nothing to something in a very short time. Only in America can you really do that.

I had a normal childhood. I was happy, my family wasn t rich but we were not poor either. For as far back as I can remember I wanted to be in movies. My brothers and I loved to pretend we were super heroes or just people we made up. For some reason it is in my blood. As I entered my teenage years I had abandoned the idea but soon after I discovered, by chance, that I had a talent. I discovered that I was able to do accurate voice impersonations of famous people. From actors

to Presidents. I loved the reaction I got from people. It didn't take long to realize that entertaining people was what I was born to do. At age sixteen, after a few years of doing stand-up comedy I started my own local comedy television show. It was variety talk show and I was the host among other things. Within six months the show became the most watched show in the cable company's history. We stayed that way all the way to the end. What amazed me most was that we took nothing and turned into something. We were just a bunch of High School students with no money or fame. It cost us nothing to produce the show. We used cameras from cast members and I was able to get it on local cable. We proved to ourselves as well as everyone who watched us that anything is possible. Anything. That show was the essence of freedom and the first time I realized what real freedom was. We could not have done it without it. No one told us what to do. No one told us what we could or couldn't say. If we said things improper we would pay the price. That is what our first amendment entitles us to. Go ahead and speak but it is the freedom of the citizens to ignore you if they choose or listen. My main ingredient in the show was political satire and believe me no one got away from us at the same time. No one came after us and told us to shut up. Why? Because this is America. We have the freedom of speech. That doesn't mean it can't be abused. There is a time and place for it. The Academy awards for example is not one of them. At sixteen I had an idea, a dream if you will, that I believed in. A few short months later it was a reality and the sky was the limit. I loved our country even more. I loved our forefathers even more for what they risked and sacrificed so that I could enjoy that freedom. Today I continue to chase my dream. Hoping one day to be a successful actor and filmmaker. I do it with no one telling me I can't, with no one in my way, and no government sticking their nose in my choice. I look forward to a day when I make enough money to not have to worry about paying my bills. To not have to worry about whether or not I'll even have enough money left over to buy food. I don't wish to be punished for being successful and reaching my dreams that I worked so hard to get to.

After my show ended, by my choice, my family entered some rough times. A few years previous my parents divorced and my mother fought hard to put food on the table and make sure we had a roof over our heads. One winter we ran out of oil and had to live without heat or hot water. It was a cold winter. So much so that our pipes had burst open. My mother continued to work hard and added more hours to her work day. We somehow survived. We had no help from no one. No government, no assistant, no one but ourselves. For dinner we ate either macaroni and cheese or hot dogs. To this day I avoid macaroni and cheese. Still like hot dogs however. When the TV show had begun I received the awful news that our home was being foreclosed. The very home where my brothers and I, at very young ages, made the 200 foot driveway with our bare hands. We helped built this house and now they wanted to take it away? I did the TV show from a studio I built in the basement. For over two years, a 100 episode run, my mother fought hard to stop the foreclosures. They had tried three or four times. She took it court and stopped it each time. That is until two years later after the first foreclosure notice. A judge left my mother with one option. Sell the house. The news of this was devastating. This was our home. The place we loved more than anything. As kids it was our own heaven. We just never believed we would lose it.

I decided to end the show a week before we were to move out of the house and just days before my High School graduation. In January of 1994 I began to recluse to my room. I would blast the

stereo and just take it all in. I kept telling myself right now you are in your home. It's still yours. I knew that in a few months it would be gone. That I would be listening to the same music knowing it was all gone. The last episode of the show was one of our best. It would be the last time I would be that guy. My innocence was about to die. I graduated High School with mixed feelings. On one hand I wanted out. I wanted so badly to finally enter the real world and make my dreams come true. On the other hand I knew how much I would miss my classmates, the people who I grew up with. Three days later D-Day arrived. We packed up in two very depressing days. What was worse was how beautiful the weather was. Normally I would be enjoying fun in the sun but instead we were stuffing our lives into a self storage shed and the rest into the garbage. What I haven't mentioned yet was that when we moved out there was no place for us to go. My mother couldn't find a new home. She tried. There were a few condos but that fell through. We had to split the family up. My seven year old sister and my dog went off to live with my father and my two younger brothers went off to friends. I had no where to go. My mother and I were the last to leave. As she drove up the driveway for the last time I turned and looked out the rear window. I could see the house getting smaller and smaller. The very house I helped built, the very house where I went from a boy to a man, the very house where my entertainment career was born, the very house where dreams were born, the very house where my family was a family. As we pulled into the street and I could no longer see the house a part of me died.

I was now homeless. I never thought that would happen. We had a great house and lots of stuff. How can we now have nothing? It was touch and go that afternoon as we tried to find a place to stay. We did find a motel room eventually and at 18 years old I had to share it with my mother. It was degrading for an 18 year old boy. I would end up living there for nine months. I like to call it the time I was in prison because that is what it felt like. I spent the entire time trying to find a job and could not get one. I had just a little money from mowing lawns but not enough to live by. Now I was not homeless in sense that I didn't have food or a roof over my head. I just had no place to call home. We even had to change rooms at one point so even the motel was a day by day thing. It was the darkest time in my life and I am amazed that I actually lived through it. Many times I was begging God to just end my life. He ignored me and today I know why. Today I know why my family went through all the crap. There was a plan.

I tell you all of this because I want you to see where I have come from. I know what it's like to lose it all. I know what it's like to not know where you will be sleeping tomorrow. I know what it's like to be broke. I also know what it's like to get out of that and rebuild my life. To work my way back up with no help from anyone. I say this to you because government is not the answer. We are.

I feel that I have a purpose today. Amazingly both of brothers, my sister, and mother all have the same opinions and thoughts on this country. We all have the same political viewpoint. I guess we got it from how we had to live and what we went through. Most of all we have common sense. I feel that I must help save this country and I can't do it alone. I need your help. I have learned from the past and with those lessons we can fix this country. I am very strong in my political beliefs however I do not feel it is necessary to expose my leanings. I want to present to you my ideas for fixing this country without being bias or having you be bias towards me. Right now we

are at a crossroad and what side of the isle we are on is irrelevant. We will all crash and burn together or rise up together. Right, Left, and center. I need all of you. The extremes from all ends can stay away. You are helping to cause the problems. If you hate this country then perhaps you should leave. For the rest of us who love this land with everything in us then I ask you to join me in saving America. I need you America. I need you to fix this country. I need you to know and believe that WE THE PEOPLE are in charge. We are the boss of every politician in office all the way to and including the President. He works for us and he should damn well answer to us as well.

They have adopted this mentality that they know better than us. Most of us have said NO to the bailouts. We know. We know that spending more money and increasing our National Debt is irresponsible and dangerous. We know that our children's futures are at stake as well as our great-great-great-great grand children. With the new Stimulus or should I say spending bill added to what has already been spent as well as what is purposed for the future it would cost each tax payer up 95% of their income to pay for all this in future years. Don't believe me. Look it up or do the math. Each of us, because of the US government, are in over \$6,000 in debt today. This debt is owed to someone but who? Try China. China! China is fed up with us. They want to cut off the money train to us. They buy our debt and they are ready to stop. What if they stop? I found out that a Washington insider who was in China recently got a bad feeling when he was there that they are very serious about cutting us off. If that happens we are in serious trouble. Why the hell are we even dependent on China? The only place we should be dependent on is us! The American people didn't ask for this. It was our inept government going back decades and decades ago. This country was on the right track until Woodrow Wilson took office and then President FD Roosevelt made things worse. As you know they say it can take years and years before we know a President's true impact and legacy. Well today we are now learning that FDR was not as good as people had thought and that many of our problems today were started by him.

Bottom line is we cannot afford to trust the government. They are hurting us badly. We cannot let them continue to try to fix us. I use this as an example. We have an accident victim in the ER and they are spurting blood from holes all over their body. The doctors patch up one hole but another spurts. They patch that but more spurt. No matter how many they close up more open. They just continue filling the holes with cotton. Sure it slows it down but eventually the cotton is full and the blood spurts back out. Their not fixing a damn thing. They are only making things worse. Meanwhile the patient is bleeding to death. That is what the US Government is doing to this great land. We are the nurses who need to step in and say Hey Doctor you not saving the patient. Let's sew the holes close. We need to not only fix this country for our times but for the future as well.

I know that WE THE PEOPLE can save America. I know just from the response I got when I made the announcement of this plan that people want to do what they can to save us. We don't need the government. Their job is to protect our rights, our freedom, and to protect the Constitution. They are not to be passing any bill or law that gives them control over us in any way. WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS! We can not allow socialism into this country although sadly we are late. It has already crept in. I personally don't understand why anyone would actually want to give up their freedom. I know people who would die to protect our freedom. People who have

served on the front lines and serve in the armed forces. They are the best of us and we are going to allow their dedication and willingness to die for this land to go in vain? We are going to allow all of those who died for this country from when we first stepped foot here to the two current wars go in vain? Has it all been for nothing? Hell no! It's time we rise. WE ARE THE PEOPLE, and WE THE PEOPLE will make America the place George Washington help create.

I have come up with an economical plan as well as a plan to save our great union. I will present it in parts so that you may take it all in. I encourage you to print it and send it to as many people as you know if you really believe in it. I also ask that you, as I have started with this plan, rise up and fight in the ways I will present. The time to sit back has passed. Congress continues to pass bills that are unhealthy and damaging. Some believe it's too late now. We will be in a greater depression than in the past. That's coming. I still believe we can stop it. I can feel a brighter future and it will be because of us. In the future people will look back in awe at how the American people rose during the worst recession in our history and changed everything.

My plan will go through all the things we must do and fight for and against. Also how we can allow the economy to get better. It really will be effected by everything we do. It is like a living entity. Right now it is very upset. Also in my plan is how we can change the government. It is long over do and no politician or President will do it. We will. This is not going to be done with any violence or even protests. When do protests ever work? Instead we will use the system and our rights given to us in the Constitution. We will also use innovation and common sense. We will not be afraid. We will not hide, we will not falter, we will rise.

You may be asking what qualifies me? What makes me think we can do this? My answer is this. I believe. I believe in you. I believe in America. I have been very successful in my own economy. I know history and I have a superb memory. I have watched the patterns and have seen how this government works over most of my years. Nothing has changed. Look at the headlines from President Clinton's first inauguration and you might think it was written today.

I have found that when I speak people actually listen to me. I know what I am talking about. People who meet me learn very quickly how honest I am and I earn their trust very quickly. They have every right to trust me. I do not lie. I am brutally honest. Ask anyone I know. People are stunned sometimes as I just say it as I feel. However being this way places me in a great position with others. When I speak they listen. I hope to earn your trust. What I will present to you is what I feel is our best option. I also hope to inspire you to come up with your own ideas.

We will be the people we were on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Those people who rose above the ashes. The very people who would have done anything for this country. The very people who cried not of sadness but pride. Cried for our deep love for a country that gave us so much. A country of hope. A country of the most special gift we could and will ever receive. The gift of Freedom.

## MIKE BURKE S PLAN TO SAVE AMERICA AND THE ECONOMY

### REAL ESTATE:

So many believe this was what started it all. Actually it was many things but this was certainly a factor. So what do We the People do about this issue? It s very simple. First we STOP the government from doing another thing. STOP! Hasn t anyone noticed that everything they touch turns to crap? Really I mean when was the last time you actually trusted the government? I m waiting. No answer right? Right. None of us trust them and we haven t in years so why the hell are we allowing them to make the decisions regarding our lives, our futures, our children s future, and their children s future? Have we lost our minds? Well this is not the time for the blame game just yet but I do have a plan to clean house. More on that later. It s time to not only fix the problem for today but the future as well.

What happened anyways? Well I will give you an example of a couple I saw on TV that really pissed me off. This was right in the middle of my search for a home and it was very difficult for me even though I was doing everything right and within what I could afford. You see this couple jointly were making \$15,000 a year. They somehow purchased a house for \$400,000! Do the math. How in hell could they do that? Obviously they had no brains and the people who were behind putting the mortgage together were scrupulous. Now I understand not everyone will understand the math involved in buying a house or how it all works but certainly most people know that if you are making \$15,000 a year in the early 21st century certainly you can t afford a house that s \$400,000! You should also realize and suspect that you can t own a house that s even \$100,000! So of course they couldn t afford to pay their mortgage so they didn t. They then go on national news to bitch and moan about how they got screwed. Crying how the government needs to help them because they were deceived into a mortgage they can t afford. Are they really this stupid? Seriously? Why should we help them? They made their own mess and should not have been looking at houses that cost that much when they make so little together. It s just simple math and common sense. Am I missing something here? Now sure the bank who gave the loan and the idiot who wrote it up are worthless flea bags but this couple should have known better before they even looked at the house. While they were crying on TV I was finding it very difficult to get a house myself and they were in my price range! I never dared look at a house that was out of what I could comfortably afford.

This story outlined a good deal of what caused this market to crash or Bubble to burst. This was also what got me on this road that we were facing a big storm ahead. You see about six months before the bubble burst I was listening to a radio program where the host had never heard of a real estate bubble. I had heard a little about it but not enough. So he had some people on and they discussed it. That was when the host began to see red flags. He predicted that this bubble was about to burst. He saw the signs before anyone else did. I didn t want to believe it. Here I was finally able to buy my own home and now my chances could be over? Well he was right. I kid you not when I tell you this but the bubble burst on the very day I was about to put a financial deal together on what would have been my first home. I had the inspection scheduled and done on the day it happened and was already approved for a loan. That night it had all changed. I couldn t get the loan and the house was gone. This radio host was right. From that point I paid

attention to signs. As he sent out warnings and predictions they came true. That was when I saw the puzzle. A series of pieces that all fit together and each day a new piece would match. I just couldn't believe this was reality. It was really happening. The future of the United States of America as we know it is at stake. This radio host, Glenn Beck, has been right so far on what he is seeing. If you pay attention to the news and all of the stories you can start to see how many of them are actually connected. I believe that there are those people who have that special ability to sense things and see beyond today. I also believe that many Americans have this ability. People are feeling it. They don't want to believe it. They don't want it to come. But we know it is. I feel that we don't have to let it come. I feel strongly that WE THE PEOPLE can stop it. I really feel it. All we need to do is join together and take back control over this great land. All of us left, right, center, Liberal, Conservative, Libertarian. Democrat, Republican, Independents, and the rest. WE THE PEOPLE are the owners of this land. This is our house and someone diabolical has crashed through our front door. It's time we kick them out.

So here we go. My plan to fix the real estate problem.

First we do nothing. If you have noticed things are beginning to work themselves out on the real estate market. The prices of homes are now where they should be. You see part of the problem was that they were way over priced. I mean way over. As the market crashed and values went down many lost a lot of money. Those lucky like me got a house priced below its value and in the end I will probably make out pretty well. For those who got these crazy mortgage deals on houses that are no longer valued at what they paid just can't pay for it. Those who have fallen into foreclosure have affected the homes in the neighborhood hurting the value of those homes by up to 50%. So now the people who did things the right way are hurting. This market has a chance of fixing itself. That's part of the natural process of the free market system. What goes up will come down and then climb up again. It corrects itself. We just need to let it work. Stop putting our hands into it and screwing around.

We must stop bailing out homeowners. Yes I said it. A person who knows what it is like to not only lose your home but to have no place to go. I've been there. I can honestly say that it was the worst period of time in my life however because of it I am a much stronger person today and much smarter. I will make sure I make it my life's mission not to end up there again. To not make the same mistakes my family had made. That is why when I purchased my first home I made sure I did it the right way. To top that off I have paid very close attention to my personal economy and I can say that today my economy is strong and getting stronger. I made sure that if I got extra cash that I would use it to pay down and eventually pay off my debts. As those debts were paid I made sure I didn't create new debt. I am trying to live within my means. If I didn't go through what I went through with my family I may not have been as good with my economy as I am. There is no way of knowing for sure but I did learn lessons. Sometimes reaching the bottom is necessary to reach the top. After you hit the bottom there is no where else to go but up. You also appreciate and respect the top a lot more. You know what it feels like to be in the murky water so you fight to stay out of it.

We need to stop trying to save everyone's home because as we do we are killing the economy.

Do not fret my fellow Americans I have an idea. I don't want to see people become homeless. That's a whole other problem we create. How about this? Instead of the government sticking their stupid little greasy fingers into our housing market we let the banks smarten up? I propose that the banks stop the foreclosures. The bank has a few options.

First Option: They force the homeowner to sell the house if the homeowner is not smart enough to do it themselves. The homeowner must work with the bank to show they have it on the market. It's possible no profit will be made for either party. The house will be sold for what is owed on it or less. The homeowner most likely got a house they couldn't afford to begin with so they do not deserve to get anything back. I see no problem with the bank giving the homeowner a \$2,000 to \$4,000 credit that the home owner can use as a security deposit on a new apartment but that is the bank's decision not the government. This is a win-win situation. The bank gets the money owed to them and the homeowner can still find a warm place with a roof over their head. I know it will hurt to leave your home but you have no choice. I know you care about this country and if you want to help you need to smarten up. The banks also need to smarten up. Foreclosures are not the answer. With all of these houses hitting the market priced for what is owed on them or less we may see more people go out and buy those homes because there will be awesome deals. Before you know it the market is on fire again. This time however the stupidity that started the bubble is gone. The problem has self corrected.

Second option: The bank renegotiates the contract with the homeowner. Because the homeowner has defaulted the bank has a few options here. In this renegotiation the bank converts the house to a rental and for a lower fee allows the home owner to rent for as long as they pay. They must prove that they can with PROPER proof. This way we don't have another empty house sitting on the market. The bank can get a regular income from the property instead of losing. They can also take the house and rent to a new family if the renters (previous owners) default. What we prevent is foreclosures and empty houses hurting the value of the rest of the neighborhood. Either way we are bringing in money back to the economy. They can also renegotiate the rate you have, restructure the loan to a more conventional, refinance, or whatever else they can come up with that will fix the situation.

This does not need to be complicated. Too many people make life that way. Life is not complicated. It's the people who are. We can fix these problems with simple solutions. We need to look at this country like a business and make smart common sense decisions. Fixing the real estate market is something WE THE PEOPLE can do without the government. It's us, the banks and no one else. We will be so much better off knowing we are in homes we can afford. The weight off our shoulders and the government out of our living rooms.

In conclusion what We the People need to do is stop all the nonsense and get this real estate market back on track. No government involvement. Let's price these houses at fair prices. No more overpricing. Stop the risky deals and the variable rates. Go with fixed. Go with what you can afford. Don't listen to some so-called mortgage expert who has a lot to gain by having you go with some risky loan. Those days are over. If you can't afford a house then rent one or get an apartment. It is a sacrifice that we have to accept. Before I bought my house I set a price as to what I could afford and a rate that I would not go over. When things were not looking good I had

to stop looking for a house. It killed me because I wanted my own home so badly but I was not going to risk my economy and my lively hood. Finally the cards fell into place for me. I not only got a decent rate but my house was being sold for less than it s actual worth. Also as a side note. If you happen to be making millions a year PAY YOUR HOUSE OFF! Just do it. For anyone who can afford to pay their house off or even pay it in full when you buy one do it. You will be so much better off. This notion that you need to carry a mortgage is crap. Credit is part of our problem. The more we eliminate the stronger our economy becomes and the stronger our nation becomes.

## SECTION B: PERSONAL ECONOMY

This is one of the most important places we can make a difference. Fixing your own economy. According to the figures and information coming people in the know we could see the economy hit bottom by 2012. When it does it s a new country. If your economy is fixed and you are prepared life will only look up for you after this time comes. It is expected that after we hit bottom you will see massive deflation and the economy will begin to grow again. Those who have saved money will do great. Things will be so much cheaper that your money will go much further. Of course that also means that most likely salaries and wages will be cut because the cost of production, etc. will cost much less. So those with too much debt and nothing saved will have a very hard time trying to catch up when their pay is cut. Now this is not all set in stone but it is good to be prepared. Maybe things will work out and we won t see the bottom but the way things are going right now it looks like it s coming. Fixing your economy is very simple but it won t be easy. I have done it myself and it required a lot of work and changes.

I had debt and was living paycheck to paycheck. For a while I was earning a very low wage. My debts were a car payment and credit cards. Most of that credit debt was due to my investment in my career as a filmmaker. I used those card as well as whatever cash I could get to make my movies. I expected that one day I would get it all back as the movies did well. It didn t work out that way so I had debt that I had to get rid of. For years it ate at me. I was so stressed out because I couldn t figure out how to get rid of them. They stood in my way for advancing forward in life, in my career, and for buying my own home. Finally I made some tough decisions. I would stop making movies for awhile so that I could use any extra cash I got to pay down those cards. I sold things and worked extra jobs like lawn mowing. Finally I did begin to make money in my film career so over the past two years I paid the whole thing off. All of the debt. All that is left is the house.

The way I handle my own economy is simple. First whatever you do pay off your credit cards and as much debt as you can. Sell stuff, if you can find a second job do it, reduce your spending, and any extra cash you get pay off the debt. I know jobs are hard to come by these days but you can at least make an attempt. If you get a tax return use that as well. Forget about the TV or the Blu-Ray for now. We are in a crisis those can wait. It could take awhile but you are doing the right thing. Then try to save and I know how impossible that is especially when you live paycheck to paycheck. I didn t think I could do it. One thing I did, which I am not sure how it will fly today

with this economy, is I had gotten a bank loan with a very low rate and then consolidated most of my debt into that loan. Within a year I had paid off a lot of it just on my minimum payment. If I had not done the loan I'd still be paying for those credit cards. This was a huge success and really made a difference in my economy. As I paid everything off I made sure I didn't create new debt or use up the cards that were clear. It is very possible that soon the credit bubble will pop just as the real estate has. You need to get rid of that debt. Make sure you go for a bank loan and not a consolidation company. They could make things worse. Stay clear. If you can't get a loan to transfer those accounts then try to pay each off one at a time. Another solution is to look for decent rates with another credit card company. Transfer your balances to that card so you have one payment and then work on paying that off. Get rid of the other cards.

The next thing in fixing our personal economy is to not overspend. I know how easy it can be to do so. Say you're grocery shopping just getting the essentials but that box of Twinkies is smiling at you. Then you need a snack for the trip home and that giant chocolate bar looks good. I know I have done it. Next thing you know you're short on a payment. We must have control over our spending. Personal responsibility is key in saving this country. Here's my system and it always works for me. Get a pocket calendar or print something. Don't use this calendar for any other planning. It's only for your economy. It must have enough room in the squares for each day so that you can write within. Then get all of your bills together and on notepaper. Write a list of each. Put their due dates down next to them and how much the bill is. Keep in mind that sometimes a due date could fluctuate within days. For example your car payment is due March 7<sup>th</sup> but then April it's the 8<sup>th</sup>, and May the 9<sup>th</sup>, and then June 6<sup>th</sup>. It usually stays within days of each other so keep that in mind when planning this out. Now total up your weekly income after taxes are ripped out of your hands. This is what you have to spend each week.

Now choose the day of the week you will pay each bill. I choose Friday's but you can choose Sat, Sun, or Monday. It depends on when you get paid and when it clears your account. I like to have money in the account so I am not short on bills so usually I have enough to pay the bills without having to wait for my paycheck to clear. You must be consistent however if you choose Friday then that is your bill paying day for every week. Never screw with this day. Now this is where it takes some thinking and some math on your part. You need to figure out what Friday is best for you to pay for each bill. For example I will pay my Mortgage the last Friday of the month as it is due the first of the month and I do it online so I can pay very close to the due date. I will pay my phone bill the second week of the month even though it is not due until the end of the third week. What I did was figure out what bills I could afford to pay and when. I want to leave enough room so that I am not late on any of them. I then divide my biggest bill (mortgage or car payment) by four and know that this is how much I need to put aside each week. Now you can figure all that on your own and how you want to do it but bottom line is you want to have it all scheduled in a calendar and then every Friday or whatever day you pay those bills it's the same for each month. If the month is a five Friday month you may have to make some changes because due dates will become jumbled a little just for that time. In your math you will make the bills a priority and then whatever cash is left over is your spending money or money to save or whatever. Be sure to schedule the entire year. You do have a lot of figuring out to do initially on this so you will know what week you need to pay. But do it now so this way each month you are on top of it. You won't have to figure out what bills you need to pay this week. It will all be laid out

for you. What you have done is prevented yourself from doing any over spending. The bills are covered and you keep your own economy strong. Stick with this as it will make a difference. I am not rich but I am not in the hole either. I just have strong control over my personal economy and you can as well.

There are many people who feel guilty because they are not spending and are paying off debt. They feel that they are hurting the economy when they should be spending. Don't feel guilty. I don't. It is the right thing to do and something that is crucial to not only our future but the nations. If we fix our own personal economy then we are less of a burden on the system. And when the bottom hits we will be spared. We will be prepared and we will be the ones who will be ready to jump start the economy. We will have the money to spend because as I said earlier there will be massive deflation. We will find bargains all over and there will be stocks priced very low that we can grab up. Today it is a bad idea to invest in stocks but then it will be a blessing. Now is not that time. Instead we must fix our own personal economy. Besides when you do pay off all that crap the feeling you will have when that burden is off your shoulders will be fantastic. This is once again a place where WE THE PEOPLE can help fix this country without any help from the government whatsoever.

I learned some other things that we can do to make our personal economy stronger other than what I mentioned above. You can do more research into the following but here it is. If you have a 401K plan have that transferred into the market money. Go with cash investments. Also invest in treasury bills. Also as a way to protect your money is to buy gold. Old coins being the best option. This way your dollars are converted to the gold standard and if anything happens to our money system you can sleep well knowing your cash is protected and still there. One last note the worse thing we can do is to have a run on the banks. Right now it is the American people keeping the economy alive. If we yank our money in droves it could all be over.

## SECTION C. TAXES

I am going to make this section simple. NO NEW TAXES. This is not the time for taxes to be raised on anyone! I mean anyone! Even the 1% rich. They are needed to hire us and right now are the only people who can afford to buy anything. Tax them and they can't hire new workers or help in any way. These higher taxes would hit people who make \$250,000 + a year. Out of that group 68% will be affected greatly by these tax increases. 70% of that group are small business owners. Do the math. That means the people who are keeping us in the work force will be forced to make cuts. Guess what they cut. Us the worker. They will need to downsize in order to survive. So this war on the rich will not only hurt them but all of us Little People in the end. Besides for those of us who want a better life should we be punished for reaching the top of the success ladder? I want to be rich. I want to live a day when I don't have to worry about whether or not I can even afford to buy food or heat my home. There is the possibility that people could be taxed 95% of their income in the coming years. I even heard one moronic terd actually say 100%. Why the hell would anyone continue working if it is all going directly to this government or any government. If everything I worked for was going to them I'd quit. I would not work. What would be the point? We must fight against congress and the President on this. We can not afford new taxes on anything or anyone. Maybe if they trimmed the fat in their massive spending

bills we would suddenly gain billions. How about cut their salaries in half. Why are we paying them so much? What good are they doing? If I sucked at my job I would not make good money. Hell I d probably be fired.

In my state of CT these insane morons are purposing a 0.5 cent tax increase for every gallon of gas we buy. Are they truly this stupid? Just because gas is low right now doesn t mean it will stay that way. According to Donald Trump if you watch the gas and oil the prices go up every time interest rates are dropped. Whenever rates go up the gas goes down. He is right. I have been saving all of my gas receipt and have followed this patten. I see it happen every time. Rates went up and suddenly the gas started to drop fast. Now rates have been cut and what are we seeing? Gas has been going up. It s OPEC. They are a criminal organization and love to screw with us. As long as they are allowed to continue this pattern of nonsense will continue. That is unless we drill for our own oil and get the hell out of bed with these idiots. For my state to propose a tax increase on gas only shows how stupid and out of touch our government is. I for one am fed up with these people and I look forward to voting the idiots out. What they should be doing is giving us tax breaks and cuts.

Now in President Obama s spending bill we do a get a tax cut and at first I thought was a good move. The next day however that changed when I found out why that cut is in there and why we will have an extra \$20.00 in our checks each week. Now I told you earlier that I would not reveal my political leanings and I won t. I want this to be fair and non-bias. I am trying to reach all of you. So if I criticize the President it s because he is wrong and not because of what my political leanings may or may not be. I ask you to do the same. I say this about Obama as I would Bush. We must take the rose colored glasses off and see the real image. Both Presidents are spending the hell out of us. Bush started it and now Obama is continuing it. The best solution is to do nothing. Leave it to us and the free market system. Now back to this increase we will receive. This \$20.00 a week is to cover the energy cost increases we will get thanks to Obama s Cap and Trade plan.

Cap and Trade is:

Cap- Each energy company must have Emission Permits that limit the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses that enter the atmosphere. Each permit closes in each year on the amount allowed to be permitted until the main goal is met. These limits are enforceable by the government. Meaning that each company will be forced to make costly changes to be more green. Some will fail and have to close shop because they won t be able to meet the demands, similar to what the car companies are going through, or they will be forced to make job cuts.

Trade- Companies who are emitting less carbon dioxide and greenhouse gasses can trade off (sell) their emission permits to other companies who having a tough time meeting the cap.

Here is the problem. Sure it is great to reduce greenhouse gasses, etc but we are in a tumbling economy. We may lose our country and the government wants to impose this on energy companies who will of course put that cost into our bill. So now our electric bill goes way up and our heating oil cost so much more. So what s the solution the administration came up with? This extra \$20.00 a week. That is why they are doing it. Not to help our income so that we can

actually spend the money on the economy. The whole point of tax decreases is to give the money back to the people so that they can live better and help grow the economy. Small businesses can use the extra money to grow their business and then hire more people. If I am not mistaken we have a lot of people out of work right now for the love of GOD! Why can't they see this? Why is it that little me hidden in the mix of over \$300 Million people can see this and they can't? This Cap and Trade is not healthy for us. It will hurt us. That \$20.00 a week extra should not be so we break even it should be so we have more money a week. There are better ways to clean the atmosphere and change our energy ways. I'll get that soon.

Another problem will be massive job loss. Cap and Trade is in Europe and steel workers have taken to the street because their jobs are in jeopardy. When we have staggering job loss in this economy is it really a good time for this to be implemented?

#### SECTION: D SPENDING BILLS/ US BUDGET/ BAIL OUTS

This is a government problem. To fix this one it is up to us to fight them. We must be heard, we must be forceful, and we must be diligent.

There should be NO spending bill. I'll get into in a moment. Do you know that all of the bail outs and spending bills are so costly that in order to pay for it we could see tax rates as high as 95% of our income? The debt will be so high that in order to pay for it future generations will be working just to pay that off. If you do the math we just don't have enough people to even pay this off. Not today and not in the far out future. It is irresponsible for any member of government to be doing this. Why the hell should the unborn be forced into paying off a debt they didn't create. It's just common sense.

This is another simple solution and a crucial one. STOP! No more spending no more bail outs for the love of GOD!!!! STOP!!!! Our government are like a bunch of junkies. They just can't stop! None of this crap has even worked. The banks got a bail out then they got another and now they want more. Yet nothing has gotten better. None of what the government has done has actually worked! None. They just won't stop. Every time President Obama announces a new plan stock markets dip dramatically. We are in serious trouble. American citizens have made sacrifices and cuts in their own lives. We have stopped over spending why the hell can't they? For crying our loud! We must stop them from spending another dime. Just as I write this we have a \$787 Billion stimulus package given to us by the President or what it should be called a spending bill. That's after Bush's failed original bail out of \$780 Billion. You know the one that wasn't enough so AIG got more money and other banks got more and now want more and more and more!!!!!! It's no solution and please America see this. See the truth. How can this help anyone? We are creating an enormous debt. The thing was passed without anyone in congress even reading it. I mean would you sign anything that could affect your life without even reading it? That's like a doctor saying hey just sign this random form here that will allow me to take a kidney from you. Don't read it. Just sign it so I can butcher you. Of course you are going to read it. Now just days later we get a \$75 Billion dollar mortgage rescue plan. Days after that we find out congress is going to present another spending bill worth 3.6 Trillion dollars!!!! Now this spending bill is part of their fiscal year budget. The deficit will grow by 1.1 Trillion more! Are you kidding me?!!

What the hell are these people doing to us?!!!! This new spending bill had \$634 Billion as reserve money for a universal health care system that doesn't exist and we don't know if it will ever. I'll get into Universal Health soon. Also these bills, all of them, are full of crap. There are 9,000 earmarks in this? 9,000!!!!!! Money for tattoo removal for example. There is so much wasteful spending that I just don't have the time to list them here. Please look it up and remember we are supposed to stop spending and save. We are supposed to make sacrifices. I guess the government doesn't have to. They are special. The list of crap in these bills is sickening. Here we are in a massive recession and could be facing the Great Depression II and these Nimrods are spending OUR money like crazed out drug addicts who are having fits that they need to feed! In this point in time the best solution is sacrifice and cut everything. NO SPENDING WHATSOEVER! This government needs to cross out all of it. Their budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year should contain salary cuts for all politicians. Not pay raises as I heard they have in their new spending bill. These morons Left and Right do not deserve a raise for what they have done to us. WE THE PEOPLE need to tell them NO. No more spending my money. No more. NO, NO, NO! All earmarks should be eliminated. All special interest should be eliminated. All special non-crucial programs should be eliminated. All programs should have cuts. Cut them all up. This congress should be doing everything to find ways to save not spend. They are arrogant little fat headed morons who only care about their power and their legacy. If they cared about us or this country they would not spend another dime.

We should not be adding to the deficit. We should not be spending. I blame both the Republicans and Democrats. They are both responsible for the tanking economy. Their answer is just to print more money. Well that money is fake. It is not backed up by anything. It's fake and these people are criminals. If I printed money and put it out there it would be fake and I would go to prison. So why the hell is it okay for them but not me. Meanwhile China is getting tired of buying our bad debt and when they stop we are screwed. So let's break this down. Our government needs to do the following and we must make sure they do.

A. NO MORE BAIL OUTS FOR ANYONE. IT'S OVER.

B. NO MORE SPENDING. YOUR RIGHTS TO SPEND TAXPAYERS MONEY IS FROZEN. NO MORE.

C. STOP PRINTING FAKE MONEY. IT'S OVER.

D. LISTEN TO US OR FACE BEING SENT HOME. WE WILL REMOVE YOU FROM OFFICE.

E. WE THE PEOPLE ARE YOUR BOSS. YOU ARE LITTLE ARROGANT PISANTS WHO WILL LISTEN TO US. YOU WILL LISTEN TO US. YOU WILL RESPECT US.

WE THE PEOPLE need to take action. Here is what we can do. We need to call their offices and tell them no to all of this crap. We must be diligent and we need to become a thorn in their buttocks. Call your Senator and Representative and tell them no more bail outs for anyone and do not spend any more money. Tell your Governor to say NO to any money that comes from the stimulus bill. Send emails as well. We need to shut down their phone system. They need to know how fed up we are and how we are not going to take it anymore!!!!

I figured out today what they are doing. You see these new spending bills snuck right in under the radar when we were not looking. After the big Stimulus Package how many of us actually

believed days later another enormous spending bill would come? One so big it is hard to fathom. They came just after we were told by the President that earmarks would not be tolerated and spending would stop. Yet here we are. This enormous US economy killer is full of billions of dollars in wasteful and useless spending. What they are doing is trying to beat the hell out of us. They want to tire us out so we stop fighting them. It's as if they have declared war on us and began bombing us without us having any defense. What they want is for WE THE PEOPLE to give up and give up our freedom to them. At that point they can do whatever they want and have total power. It sounds crazy but think about it and look at how they are acting. If they really cared would they be doing what they are doing?

## SECTION E. ENERGY

The energy crisis hasn't come yet but if we don't fix this now it will. All of what has been happening is part of the Perfect Storm. Each piece of the puzzle connecting. This too is a simple problem to fix. It involves the government getting the hell out of the way. Here is what we should do.

1. We need to get off foreign oil. As I said earlier we need to be independent. We should not have to count on any country for our oil. We still need oil. It will take a long time to transfer our lives away from it. It is practical to ease off oil in time. But the first step is drilling on our own land and getting our own oil and stop depending on other countries. If we had done this years ago we could actually be in a great place right now with our economy.

2. We need to inspire and encourage innovation. As we ease off oil and go to new technology we can have many choices. Solar, wind, biofuels. You name it. Things could be really cool and very affordable. I would love to get off oil and heat my home with affordable clean energy. There are great possibilities and things coming that could make our lives so much better. What the government needs to do is get out of the way. Let it happen and work itself out. Let us drill and get off foreign oil. Encourage innovators to come up with ideas and allow them the freedom to make these ideas a reality. There are millions of things that we can do. I love those garden solar LED lights. They get their power from the sun and at night I have cool lighting all around my yard that is 100% free. They look great as well. The future can be bright and so awesome. There is no need for cap and trade, taxes, carbon tax, or whatever the hell else they want from us. If we start now we could prevent the crisis from ever coming and we help grow the economy. The environment will be cleaner and life will be good.

Going with a Cap and Trade system is part of the problem and once again will hurt our nation. Do you know this cap and trade will cause our energy bills to go way up? Our electric bills, which are high enough, our heating oil, and we could see a tax per mile we drive. WE THE PEOPLE need to tell Congress to stay out of the way. This is how out of touch these people are. Giving money back to the people to help the economy is far more effective than spending all this money. They just don't get it.

I find the government's ideas to suck. Take CFL light bulbs. They want to ban incandescent light bulbs in favor of these mercury filled nightmares. Instead of letting innovation work they want to

make the ban and force people into a bad idea. CFL bulbs are not the future of lighting. LED is. Here is a technology that uses very little electricity to run. They don't get hot, their outer shell is plastic, they don't break easily, they last well over 100,000 hours, and they give off a much better light than CFLs. So why is the government pushing CFLs over LED? I'd like to know myself. Are they in bed with someone? Bottom line is that they need to stay out of the way and let the free market work. My feeling is once more people try LED bulbs they will go for them over CFLs. I have LED bulbs in my house and I love them. My electric bill reflects the difference as well. Instead of banning things and forcing people into something let's just let the people choose. If they hate LEDs and incandescent wins so be it. That's how a free country works. I think the best example of this and the free market system is HD-DVD versus BLU-RAY DVD. Here we had basically the same quality disc. One from Sony the other from Toshiba. They both hit the free market and in the end the people made a choice. Blu-Ray won the battle and became the sole High Definition disk. It's just the way it is. It is a system that works and government needs to leave it alone.

## SECTION F. AUTO INDUSTRY

Once again we have a simple solution. Let them fail. I know it sounds cruel but if we do not bail them out and allow them to file for bankruptcy they then can reset and renegotiate with the unions, the workers, etc.. Their big problem is they are paying retired employees way too much. The retiree benefits are staggering. The government imposed green regulations on them so they had to buy new equipment but not enough green cars are selling to offset the cost for the technology they had to buy. How can the auto companies possibly survive? They can't. If they get a bail out it will not fix the problem and before you know it they will want another bail out. As we can see bail outs don't work. I mean how many times are the banks going to come to us asking for more. How many more times? Most of my family works in the auto industry. I don't want them to hurt because of this however we need to use our brains. I love American cars. I have always owned them. I do not want to see them go. I want to see these car companies fix themselves by resetting and then growing to be better than what they were. Failing is sometimes the best answer. Once you hit bottom then you go back up if you play it smart and make the right choices. If you don't then you caused your failure and you will pay for it. I know I have been there. I have failed and I have succeeded. I only have me to blame for both. Bankruptcy allows us to reset. Renegotiate. It may be the best answer for the auto industry.

## SECTION G: THE US / MEXICO BORDER

Here we have another problem that has finally hit the main stream media. I have known about this for awhile meanwhile the news was ignoring it. Today they are not. Here we have an overrun of Mexican drug cartels that are so out of control and dangerous that a war has broken out. Mexico is looking like Saddam Hussein's Iraq! Just in 2008 over 5,000 people were murdered. Recently a man was captured who had melted 500 bodies in tubs of acid. Heads are being chopped off and are showing up all over including a dance floor at a nightclub. I have seen the proof. This week the news reported and showed the video of schools where Mexican drug lords are making life for teachers and students hell. They decided to send them a message outside and along the message was a row of dead bodies. I write this on March 1 and already over 1,000

people have been murdered by these drug cartels. In Arizona people are disappearing in staggering numbers so much so that Arizona is second to Mexico City as the city with most kidnaping in the world. This violence could spread over our borders and then we have more trouble than what we could have ever imagined. We will have Iraq not only to the south of us but in our southern states. Our own soil. How can the government choose to ignore this. They never even mention it.

WE THE PEOPLE need to make sure we are secured. We need a fence and we need it now. Instead of spending money on tattoo removal for hoodlums we should be building a damn fence! The time is now or we are in trouble. This is happening.

## SECTION H: UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Okay so I told you I would get to this. First let me make this point. Why the hell would we put this government in charge of our health care? I mean what the hell are we doing? These morons can't even run the DMV correctly! These morons created a tax system that even they don't understand. Half of Obama's cabinet doesn't even know how to pay taxes. Now we are going to let them control our health care? I don't trust them to take care of a blade of grass! We need to keep them out.

I agree some changes need to be made but Universal Healthcare is not that change. It doesn't work. We may have our problems with our system but it is still the best in the world. It just needs to be fixed and not taken over by the government. Besides I do NOT want to pay for some moron's health who is too lazy to get a job and weighs 4,000 lbs. Lose the weight at your expense and go to work. Like I said changes can be made to make it more efficient and better. We just need innovation and smart decision making. Let the system fix their problems. Do not allow the government to take over. I want to keep my freedom. I do not want socialism.

It's a bad idea. Reform over Nationalizing is a better solution. We can make it work smoother and more efficient. We can care for the elderly and very young. We can make sure that if you are able to work then do so. You are not getting healthcare until you do. We can give tax breaks to companies who will provide basic healthcare to employees. My sister worked for a store who couldn't provide healthcare. She was full time. Perhaps they got a tax break they could have provided basic insurance to their workers. Another thing on this is a place like that has people who work for a short time and then move on. Why provide healthcare when they will be gone soon anyways. Maybe for long term employees but not part time people who will be gone in 6 months. This is a topic that can be debated to find the best solution. WE THE PEOPLE just can't allow this government to be in charge of our health.

## SAVING OUR FREEDOM AND CHANGING OUR GOVERNMENT SECTION I:

Besides saving our economy we also need to change our government and our lives. I think deep down inside all of you know that our government is inept and broken. The only way it will ever

get fixed is if WE THE PEOPLE do it. Members of congress certainly won't. They are using us as their toilet paper to wipe their rear ends and we let them get away with it. They never listen to us. I love it when they come on TV and say the American people want.... How do they know what we want when they never listen to us? I had contacted the two US Senators who are in my state over an issue. I emailed them. One responded with a reply to what my concern was and was more in tune to me as an American Citizen. The other Senator wrote back this generalized nonsense that pretty much said I am a Senator and I know better than you. Needless to say I printed that email and blew my nose with it. That message is a reminder to me that we need to do some house cleaning.

I have heard many say they want a revolution. Tea parties in the style of the Boston tea party is breaking out everywhere. People are very serious about regaining our country and protecting our freedom. So serious that military has been stationed all over the country in preparations for a revolt. The government knows people are fuming. I too had thought about it about a year ago. I then realized it is not the way to go. My idea was for a million of us to go to DC and fire every one of them. I realized that there was a better way. Election Day. I have come up with a solution that can be the start of us changing the government in very big ways.

First we must get some good candidates out there. I want to see new blood. It's time for us to get the old out! We need farmers and small business owners running. People with no college education but instead street smarts. Those who have lived in the real world in grime and filth. If you have thoughts about running I urge you to do so. Now is the time. If you agree with what I have been talking about in this plan then let's do this. Run for office. Let's get these old dogs out.

I think the big problem is when election season comes people look at the candidates they know and say well I know him so...the other guy seems smart but he wasn't in office before so... I guess I'll stick with so and so. How does that change anything. We just leave in the idiots who are destroying this country. We need to look at the new guy and if he has what it takes then we should vote him in. I feel that if we can do this we can shake up congress in ways they never dreamt of. How great would it be to see them all dumbfounded when they see many of their fellow club members removed from office. It would be like the American people are cops and we are raiding a whore house and clearing it out. It's time for us to take chances and put the new guy or gal in as long as they are someone we can believe in. We should not base our decision on whether or not they are a Republican or Democrat. Those days are over.

While I am on this I have another proposal. I think this would change the face of government as we know it. Term limits for all. That's right. The President of the United States, the most powerful individual in the free world, has term limits why the hell not these other boobs. I believe that all US Senators, Representative, Governors, and all state government congress people should have term limits. Every member of the Senate and House should only be elected for one term and one term only. I am comfortable with a six year term. Nothing more. Do you know what a difference this would make with their mentality? No longer would they be basing their decisions on the next election. No longer would they fear for voting what they believe in for fear they will lose the election. They will have six years to do the best they can and then they are out. There would be no time for them to join the old boys club and then become a life member.

We need to make this happen. If WE THE PEOPLE ram it down their throat and fight for it they will have no choice but to pass the amendment.

## SECTION J: THE DONKEY AND THE ELEPHANT MUST END

This might be a tough one to swallow for most but if we really want to change the government then this one may very well change politics as we know it. Both parties should be abolished. It was fine in the old days when it was meant as a way for like minded people to join forces but that is not what is happening today. It is a way for them to walk all over us and then hide behind each other. They don't have to answer to us they answer to their party. Many will vote one way because that's what the party wants. Not for what is good for us. We have this good ole boys club in politics and it is a big part of our destruction. If these two parties were over they would have no one to hide behind. They would now have to answer to us. When they would vote on bills they would have to go with their gut and their beliefs. Not what the party wants. I think this would be a shock to system and we would see a huge difference in how the government runs. Having both houses full of independent thinkers who answer to the American people and them alone would prevent the garbage we have today.

So how do we do that? Certainly it won't happen from within. They love their corrupted lives screwing Americans. No it will happen with us. We need to vote for independents. We need to convince the good decent congress people in politics to take a risk and abandoned their parties. Become independents. Work for us. We need to run independents over Democrats and Republicans. It will take some time but before you know it there won't be a right and left in the capital or in our local and state governments. It will be a country of independent thinkers who will be connected directly to the people. That doesn't mean we abandon our beliefs and principles. To be liberal, conservative, or libertarian is a way of life. It's not a party. It's who you are as a person. I believe people may be liberal on one thing but conservative on another. In the government we need to expose who these people really are by removing the parties. The party is over guys.

## SECTION K: OUR ATTITUDES

As part of saving America there needs to be a change with us as well. WE THE PEOPLE are also part of the problem. We have hatred for people who think differently and have different political beliefs. We buy houses and cars we can't afford. We vote in the jackass who has been there for years because we are too afraid to take a chance on someone new. We need to fix ourselves. We need to have personal responsibility. We need common sense and when we use it things will work out for us.

First we need to stop the hate and end the divide. Left, right, Dem or Rep., Liberal or Conservative, we are all in this together and we will all be suffering the same. I read these blogs sometimes and I'm stunned at how much hate there is just because someone has a different political view point or affiliation. It is disgusting and so full of hatred. We are Americans first before we are anything else. We are in this boat together. We will all sink at the same time and die! Just because we have differing opinions doesn't mean we need to hate. This crap needs to

stop and we as Americans must stop it now. It has become a new form of racism. We can agree to disagree and then go have coke together. No more of this Oh so and so is a conservative. I hate them now. He s a liberal well I hate that commie bastard. How about Barry Manilow refusing to go on The View because Elizabeth Hasselbeck is a conservative. Is that not the same as not drinking out of the same water fountain as someone who is a different color than you? It s racist. He needs change his attitude. She is different then him so he refuses to go on the show. This needs to stop. The left and right can have differing opinions but still be friends. If we have any chance at all of saving this country then we need to come together. It s okay not to agree on everything. How boring would life be if we all believed in the same thing? Really.

The next thing we need to do is be the people were on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001. We were kind to each other. We would have taken off the shirt on our backs for a person we didn t know. They were an American. Our brother, our sister. That day we didn t see black or white. We all were hurting the same. We decided collectively to put aside all the crap and we joined together. The family became important again. Our country was so much more to us. The day after the attacks we could have coward away in the dark corners of our homes and been miserable. Instead we realized that in America we are all one big family and we love this country with all we have. Within our terror we found peace. It was the most amazing thing I have ever witnessed and was a part of. I know that we still have that inside of us. I know we can bring it back out and together save that country we loved so much on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. We can do it without hate. We can do it without being bias. We can do it without the government because WE THE PEOPLE are Americans and to be an American means that we are the most charitable people in the world. That we love our country. We love our military. We believe in dreams. We believe dreams come true. We believe in hard work . We believe hard work pays off with success. We believe in each other. We believe that in America you can be anything you want to be even the President of the United States. We believe that you go from sleeping on a public bathroom floor with your child to becoming one of the most richest person s in the entire country. We believe in freedom and we believe in protecting that freedom.

We also need to understand how government works. The system our forefathers created. Too many people have either forgotten or don t know. WE THE PEOPLE are the very people who are in charge of this country. We choose people to represent us to serve us and protect our freedom. They are not there to control us or our lives. They are not there to bail us out. They are there to protect the constitution. They should never impose on our rights and freedom. They should never be in our homes. The President of the United States is not a king. He is not our boss. We are his. He answers to me and you. He is not to take control over our lives. He is there to represent us. He was chosen as the leader to represent the American people. He follows us. We do not follow him. We protect him and support him. He is an employee of ours. The President should not and can not be paying your mortgage. That is not why he was elected and that is not a President s job. It works the same with each state. The President can not impose on each state. That is the Governor s job. The entire system is checks and balances. It is set up so that we do not have a monarchy. So that we remain free and the people control the country. A government of the people, by the people, for the people.

I have a story to tell that I bet many don't even know about. After Hurricane Katrina a former friend of mine made this stupid comment about how former President Bush purposely held back helping New Orleans. She said she heard this from her therapist. I will now tell you what really happened. What the press didn't say. A year before Katrina hit I found out that New Orleans was not only below sea level but that the levees could fail if a category 5 hurricane hit. That the entire city would fill up like a bowl. No one did anything to prepare. Now we cut to a year later and it looks like it is going to happen. I found out that days and days before it hit President Bush called the Governor of Louisiana and told her she should evacuate. That this storm is headed right to them. She said no. She'd like to wait before making any decision. The next day he called again. Same story. He urged her to get those people out of there. On the third and final day he called again. He warned her it was coming. She did not listen.

The storm hit but because of how slow the Governor moved they couldn't get everyone out in time. FEMA was also inept. Bush got all the blame but it was pointed at the wrong person. The reason why I bring this up is because this makes my point. People assume, who don't know how this government is supposed to work, that Bush was the do all see all hear all. That he makes all the decisions because he is the President. That is false. He is not the do all. The President can not interfere with the Governor's job. She is in charge of Louisiana not him. If he was a King then yes but this not that country. There is enough blame to go around but we must make sure it is in the right direction. For the people of Louisiana they chose to fire their Governor and put someone new in. They got it. They understood that she failed them. Perhaps if we can understand this we will stop treating politicians and our President like rock stars. They are not. They are our employees. They follow us.

## IN CONCLUSION

I love this country. I really do. I love the fact that if I wanted to right now I can hop on a train and be in New York City within an hour and a half. I don't need a passport. I don't need to pass through some border fence between my state and New York. I can just go. We are a collection of free states governed individually with even smaller governments governing the city and the towns within those states. We then have a larger government with a President that oversees all of those states. It is a great checks and balances system that prevents anyone from having absolute power. Instead the power stays with the very people who live in this country. The people decide who stays and who goes. It is brilliant. I do not want to see it change. I want to protect it.

I don't want to see a fames doctrine that could shut down the mouths of us Americans. The first Amendment of the Constitution is our best that's why it's number one. We have the freedom to speak our minds in any form without the government stopping us. My whole career choice is based on the first amendment. I don't care if it's more right voices than left on radio or television. We let the people decide. If one side is not good enough in getting their voice heard then try harder. Do a better job. That's freedom. If I suck I lose. If I'm good I have a chance. I don't like the hateful blogs I see. I feel too many people hide behind these blogs as a way to be rude and obnoxious because no one can see them and no one knows who they are however I can choose not to read it. They have every right and the government should not stop them. In today's world much of what the media misses or hides is exposed online. It has become the truth squad.

Now not everything online is true but at least it s a place for American citizens to be heard. We need to protect this freedom no matter what. It is the last straw that will end our freedom as we know it. Fairness is allowing us to fail or be successful. The government should not be allowed to decide that.

A freer people are a happier people. I think of my High School. My father was a cop in town and when I was a kid he told me about how bad the High School had gotten. The school didn t know how to fix it. They ended up hiring a new principle who ran things very differently. He imposed freedom upon the students. As I got to High School this system had been in place for while. I was amazed at how it worked. Each of us were treated like adults. We were allowed to make choices. Teachers did not hold our hands and tell us what to do. Instead rules were set and it was up to us to follow them. For example after a class would end you had four minutes to get to the next class. In that time if you wanted to stop and talk to someone that was your prerogative. If you were late for the next class then you paid the price. During lunch hour we had total freedom. We could eat in the café or stand out in the nearby hallway. We could hang with friends, do homework, or even talk with teachers. It worked. This system of freedom worked. We were a happier bunch and the crap that plagued that school in the past was gone. After I left the principle retired. The new guy came in and imposed all of these rules and removed much of the freedom. Things in that school went downhill. It is no longer a happier bunch. Freedom works. Don t mess around with it.

We have a lot of work ahead of us however I know we can achieve our goals. I know we are angry enough to fight. We will not allow the government to tire us out. Never. I don t believe that our end is coming. I know the shining city ahead is waiting for our return. It will shine once again. I can feel our best days are ahead and I can see a bright future. I know we will make it. I know we can stop the government if we really try. The time is now. We are the people who will save this country and forever change it. Generations of people far out into the future will look back in history and study the greatest generation who ever lived. They will learn about a people who fought back against a corrupt government and won. A people who continued the road the forefathers started and removed the road blocks so that freedom would live on. I believe in you. I believe in America. This is not the end but the beginning. The beginning of a better America. You are not alone. We are together in this and God is watching over us as we save his most precious gift to us. Freedom. Not only must we protect freedom for ourselves but for the rest of world as well and all of those who will come far after we have gone. Freedom will live on forever for as long we protect her.

God Bless America and God Bless you.

Mike M. Burke- an American citizen

## QUICK GUIDE

To simplify our mission here is a quick guide.

1. NO MORE BAILOUTS
2. NO MORE SPENDING
3. NO MORE SPENDING BILLS
4. PAY CUT FOR ALL US SENATORS AND CONGRESS PEOPLE
5. NO TO CAP AND TRADE
6. NO TO THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE
7. YES TO INNOVATION
8. GOVERNMENT IS NOT THE ANSWER. THEY ARE THE PROBLEM
9. TERM LIMITS
10. ABOLISH THE TWO PARTY SYSTEM
11. COMMON SENSE
12. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
13. NO MORE HATRED
14. LEFT AND RIGHT ARE AMERICANS FIRST
15. ALLOW THE FREE MARKET TO WORK
16. ALLOW REAL ESTATE TO WORK ITSELF OUT
17. NO MORE SPENDING.
18. NO MORE SPENDING
19. NO MORE SPENDING!!!!
20. PROTECT THE CONSTITUTION AND OUR FREEDOM
21. THE PRESIDENT IS NOT OUR BOSS. WE ARE HIS.
22. CONGRESS ANSWERS TO US.
23. A FREE PEOPLE ARE A HAPPIER PEOPLE
24. OUR BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US.
25. WE ARE THE GREATEST COUNTRY THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.
26. FREEDOM WORKS
27. SOMETIMES DOING NOTHING IS THE BEST WAY
28. RUN FOR OFFICE
29. SUPPORT INDEPENDENTS
30. WE SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON OTHER COUNTRIES
31. DRILL HERE
32. NO TAXES.
33. DO NOT PUNISH THE RICH.
34. DREAM BIG
35. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
36. BELIEVE IN AMERICA
37. PUT A FENCE UP ON THE US/MEXICO BORDER
38. STAND UP AND FIGHT
39. STOP THE GOVERNMENT
40. WE WILL SURVIVE. OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT.