



Tuesday, June 01, 2010

Bowling Green, Kentucky

-Debt is a big concern. We have to stop spending so much money. Don't spend money we don't have. Washington isn't listening.

-Congress members do not read the bills they are voting on. Bills should be available to the public on-line. Give 72 hours before vote.

-Regarding "pay as you go." Too many items are declared "emergency spending"

-Stop funding perpetual war as an entitlement program.

-Energy policy is short sighted. Too dependant on foreign fuel and fossil fuel. Subsidies are going to

oil/gas companies. Those funds should go into alternative energy.

-Corporations minimize people's views.

-Concerned about votes that the Congressman made, but thankful for opportunity to discuss.

-Washington is a "man-made" disaster. Congress is not listening to those who elected them.

-No country can overspend and print money and succeed. Cut spending and cut taxes.

-President will veto any attempt to repeal Health Care bill.

-Judiciary can negate legislation and ignore the will of the people. A judge's ruling should not create a "new law" without vote of Congress. Judiciary should be a co-equal branch of government.

-Go back to conservative principles

-Secure domestic light crude oil for use. Develop existing energy sources.

-Lack of discipline is hurting education. Schools are passing students regardless of achievement.

- Anything that increases costs to the consumer hurts people on fixed income.**
- Deficit spending is growing due to entitlements, including Medicare and Medicaid. Medical establishment was built on this system. Many people go to the ER without insurance and the other insured patients pay for it.**
- Social Security has a decreasing number of workers paying into the system in ratio to those who are receiving.**
- Ethanol program has driven up the cost of corn. This raises the cost of feeder calves. Ethanol is an inefficient method of energy production. It causes an unlevel playing field in the Ag community. Market should drive this issue, not politics.**
- In order to discourage use of fossil fuel raise price through taxes.**
- Alzheimer's Disease care has increased cost of Medicaid and Medicare, and private insurance. When examining the budget issues, we need to be proactive on this issue. Allow more research.**

National strategy needed. NAPA would address this.

-Too much pork barrel spending in Congress. i.e. Nebraska “kick-back”

-Supreme Court nominee is too inexperienced.

-Wants to stop the removal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

-HB 4899 asks federal retirees to take a cut to pay for war. Oppose this. Many NARFE members live on \$600 to \$700 a month.

-Reform Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

-Reduce spending on non-essential research (i.e. grants to study marijuana and Meth and rats.)

-Congress should give up pay raise

-Support VA nursing home near Fort Knox.

-Our recent, young veterans will have needs for many years. We need VA and nursing home facilities across the country.

-Need to correct the problem with Social Security and retired teachers in Kentucky.

-Need to secure our borders.

-Our country's way of life is deteriorating due to outrageous laws that remove God from our laws. Elected officials take care of themselves and not our citizens.

-Veterans' health care is deteriorating.

-Protect our borders from those who would do us harm.

-Support Term Limits.

-Financial Reform Bill does not address the real problems. Durbin amendment re: credit cards would cap charges that merchants pay.

-Support windfall elimination.

-Support those with mental and physical disabilities.

-Veterans face too many backlogs to get the services they deserve.

-Make it a federal offense to protest at a military funeral.



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Campbellsville, Kentucky

- The unfunded mandates of No Child Left Behind need to be addressed**
- Entitlements and their impact on the national debt need to be addressed.**
- How do we stop the bleeding of the tax dollars?**
- Amnesty for illegal immigrants is a real problem and being used as a political tool**
- Consider the repeal of the Health Care Bill**

-Will Value Added Tax pass?

-What can be done to bring jobs to Taylor County, Kentucky?

-There is a real need for venture capital. Small and medium businesses are struggling for funds.

-4-lane highway access is critical for business/industry site selection as is a highly educated workforce. Funding for both are needed.

-Farmers are the last to be helped, but they need to be #1.

-Support health care bill alternative by Rep Paul Ryan

-Community Banks are in sound shape. They make local communities successful. Regulations are costing these banks money.

-AG Holder traveled to the Gulf region. (This could be a part of a consideration of government takeover by BP.) This is a European model of socialism.

-Medicare should pay for adult daycare. This is cheaper than a nursing home. Also, pay for more preventative care.

-Veterans Care needs to be a focus. Campbellsville, Kentucky needs an outpatient clinic. Our veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan will need long term care.



Wednesday, June 02, 2010

Mt. Washington, Kentucky

-Where did the stimulus money go?

-Unfair tax system. Support a Fair tax or flat tax. So many people are not paying taxes.

-Support Arizona action to stem illegal immigration. We need Federal action on this issue.

Employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants should be held accountable.

-Wants to stop federal funding of legal services.

-Debt is a concern. What action can citizens take to make a difference?

-Congress is pushing new bills and laws. We don't need new laws; we should repeal and fix existing laws. We should have stand alone bills. Do not tie together things that are not related.

-Most people want the health care bill repealed or Congress should refuse to fund it.

-Debt is out of control. The borrower is the slave of the lender. Other countries have too much leverage over the US.

-US should stop funding the IMF.

-Terrorists are taking advantage of the US. Foreign students should not be educated in the US at our expense.

-Concerned about Cap & Trade. This will increase cost of energy for people struggling to pay their

bills. Government needs to be listening to the people.

-How much time are Members of Congress spending getting re-elected?

-Line item veto would give any president power to hold the Congress accountable for sending stand-alone bills.

-Whatever we tolerate we validate. Will we wait 10 years for the debt to continue to grow before it's dealt with?

-Providing for our Military should be our top priority. They provide for our freedom.

-Support term limits.

-Citizens feel uninformed and out of touch. Voting record should be easy to access. This should be on members' web sites. Should state how member voted and why.

-Leadership (Speaker of the House, Senate Majority Leader) restricts messages to their own

constituents. If they are acting as leader, then all Americans should be able to voice their opinion.

-Does Congress have oversight over presidential “Czars”? Can Congress take action through the budget process?

-Encourage other politicians to do this type of event.

-Youcut.com has had server problems

-Recent veterans returning from war often have PTSD and other non-visible injuries. VA doesn't provide guidance to those who serve vets in education (i.e. community college staff and faculty) to better understand these needs and issues.

-Wants to see freeze on executive branch staff salaries.

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America SPEAKING OUT

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Hardin County, Kentucky

- Tired of VA's slow response. Our newest veterans are facing the same problem.
- Veterans earned their benefits. Do not allow cuts. Veterans have already sacrificed for their country.
- Cut Air Force One from the President.
- Take away First Lady's secretaries and staff.
- Take away the large, expensive planes from the Speaker of the House
- Apply Mexican Immigration laws to those coming to the USA
- Don't pass a bill without reading it. The Health Care Bill had too much in it that was not needed.

-There is a lack of enforcement of immigration laws at the border and blocking illegal immigration:

Who will take responsibility?

-President has cancelled a large number of ceremonial fly-overs. Memorial Day, military funerals, etc.

-President has a large number of people to head offices (Czars) who receive a large salary. He has money for this, but not the fly-overs?

-President tried to force the FCC to terminate CB radio use.

-One should not criticize out of control spending while also designating earmarks. Back away from earmarks.

-Why are the immigration laws not being followed?

-Secretary of State Clinton is attempting to work with the UN to ratify a treaty that will ban ownership of guns.

-Alzheimer's disease impacts many families. Wants to see support for NAPA.

- NARFE members are concerned about impact of deficit on retirees.
- Concerned about the cost of Members of Congress pension.
- Too many in Washington ignore the Constitution.
- Regarding time needed to read bills prior to voting, a minimum of 72 hours or 25 pages per hour.
- Cuts to the budget are needed. Illegal immigration costs our country \$284 billion per year. Secure the borders first!
- 46 of 50 states in severe financial difficulty. Is there a plan for the Federal government to bail out the states?
- Opposed to earmarks for special interest groups. But Kentucky dollars should come back to KY.
- Stop automatic pay raises for Members of Congress. It should be subject to a vote of the people.

- Congress should follow the same rules everyone else must obey.
- Government should be out of the health care, auto and housing business.
- Politicians and media should stay out of the war and allow the Military to fight the war as needed.
- Suggestion that the President may not be a US citizen.
- Should a president have military service?
- Concerned about the senate's food safety bill regarding genetically altered food.
- Farmers should be able to sell raw milk.
- Republican leadership in Congress not working with the President. Members work for their district, not their party.
- Repeal No Child Left Behind.
- Support term limits
- atmosphere in Washington is poisonous

- bigotry in our country came to light with the election of President Obama.
- more should be done to stop domestic terrorism.
- go after those who are hiring illegal immigrants
- Cost of war was off budget during the Bush Presidency
- Meetings with top elected officials during the Bush Administration and deregulation in energy sector caused rise in prices. Wants to see price controls.
- Bush administration had a few Czars and also worked with “think tanks”. Iraq war was a personal vendetta. Saddam Hussein was a stabilizing force in the region.
- Limit executive orders. They bypass Congress.
- Federal elected officials should take and pass a test on the constitution.
- Establish English as a national language
- Bills should be of one topic
- How do we fix Social Security?

-Looking at the past isn't going to help our country.

-There have been too many rural Kentucky kids who have been "left behind"

-NAFTA has gone on for too long; KY has the tools and talent to build anything. Too many of our manufacturing has gone to China and other countries. Repeal these free-trade agreements.

-Children deserve the best schooling, and should not be used as a reason to bicker between political parties.

-We need to monitor military's counter-insurgency efforts. Courts Martial have hurt too many good service members who were just doing their job.

-What can the citizens do to help with the deficit and other issues?

