

To whom it may concern,

It has become apparent the obstacles to be overcome with this letter are extraordinary. First, I see a preconceived bias. Please keep an open mind and try to see me first as a person and second as a 9/12 or Tea Party member.

My father was a highly decorated Viet Nam vet and patriot. I have lived in various areas of this country. I have seen firsthand how local economies can be affected by the smallest of government intrusions. I have seen how families affected by what are presented as solutions; only mask worse unintended consequences for the lives they touch.

The first time I took notice of politics was when Carter had my mom waiting in a line to get gas. I did not understand how this could become a new way of life overnight. It made no sense and I decided to learn more of the cause that created this effect. The most important thing I learned from this is that when things do not make sense, something is not being told.

I became interested in the term the media coined, "Reaganomics." I realized the connection between unemployment and so-called "taxes on the wealthy." Business does not pay taxes; consumers do. Any attempt to circumvent that truth will cause unemployment. That is as true now as it was when Reagan was cleaning up Carter's mess, as Obama would say of Bush today as he follows an opposing philosophy. I have been a fairly solid Republican with a few exceptions. After the September 11 attacks, I objected to the Patriot Act because I do not trust the expiration date will ever be honored. I am still correct on that. I disagreed with the creation of the Department of Homeland Security because of the ATF abuses on the Branch Davidian Compound and Ruby Ridge, it was apparent to me we do not need more federal police but rather better coordination between the current departments.

The national debt had never of interest, but I was economy focused. I paid no attention to the cost of maintaining a strong economy. However, during the Clinton years, we had a balanced budget and a strong economy. Because of that I wanted to examine the cause of that effect. I found a solid Republican majority pressing its Contract with America and a distracted Democrat President going along with its suggestions in order to save what little reputation he may have left.

I learned that a small and accountable government with low taxation is far better for the people of this nation than any alternative that has ever been tried. After studying and learning more of world politics, this truth seems to be true everywhere. Look at Greece today. More importantly, imagine if Greece had a Tea Party such as we have now, only five years ago. That is why I am one of the voices you hear. I am not a racist. I am not violent. I am just not silent any longer.

Respectfully