The Washington Paradox

The Washington Paradox must not be ignored! Many of your neighbors do not know what it is; they should learn. Many do not understand the impact it is about to have on their lives; they should take note. It has not fangs or venom, but its bite will devastate. Forward this note to every person you know and let them know they have been warned.

A lost job or \$10.00 for a gallon of gas will ultimately get their attention, but by then it will be too late. Venom, once in the bloodstream, destroys.

You and I will pay for the ignorance of others; we must get them to take action.

A paradox is a logical action that leads to a situation that defies logic. If a fire threatens our house, we put it out. If our tank nears empty, we fill it. If we see a brick wall we don't bang our head against it. It would be paradoxical to do otherwise. Common sense dictates our action. There is no Fire, Gasoline or Brick Wall Paradox.

But there is a Washington Paradox. Consider the following:

- <u>Gallup</u> reports that only 10% approve of the job Congress is doing, the lowest number ever.
- Less than 10% trust Congress according to a recent <u>NY Times poll</u>.
- 72% are dissatisfied with the way things are going according to <u>multiple polls</u>
- <u>CBS</u> reports that just 20% feel their financial situation is better than it was 4 years ago.

The paradox: we have re-elected 94% of the politicians in Congress for the last fifty years.

Gerrymandered districts, entrenched parties and a corrupt system ensure incumbents almost always win. Are Americans afraid to replace them? Are we too ignorant? Or, are we just too lazy? Far too many respond like a child, saying "I <u>like</u> my Congressman." We voted for who we liked for high school President. Or, they rationalize the disastrous results by saying, "He generally votes the way I want him to." I cannot write what comes to mind when I hear people make such ridiculous statements because it is certain to offend, so I ask the following: Do you keep your banker if he misplaces your money? Do you keep your mechanic if he fails to fix your worn-out brakes? Do you return to a hospital if they cannot stop the bleeding? Of course not! So why do people keep voting for the very people we are dissatisfied with and disapprove of? Has our nation become so ignorant that we will continuously re-elect the same people and expect different results?

Fortunately, there is a solution. We can force the needed change if we will convince our family, friends and neighbors to do one simple thing: vote against the incumbent. We can send a message to every politician in America that we will not let them bankrupt our nation. We can refuse to re-elect the very people who have failed us. There are excellent challengers on the ballot in almost every district, and it would be impossible to pick representatives who could deliver worse results.

By voting against the incumbent in the primary, you do not have to vote for "the other party."

America now has more debt than income. Twenty-five percent of every tax dollar raised is required to pay interest on this debt, and that number will continue to rise until we make drastic changes.

It is time to send a message. Sincere thanks to the thousands of you who have already donated; now we need contributions from all who can afford to do so. We sent additional \$2,000 checks to multiple

candidates last week because many of you have put your money where your mouth is, and we are preparing to launch a national advertising campaign called *The Washington Paradox*. If you are willing to be a part of this effort to wake the nation, please <u>click here</u>.

Finally, we need the email address of every person challenging an incumbent for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Please contact <u>kenh@goooh.com</u> if you are willing to help us gather these email addresses. We will be asking every challenger in America to participate in our advertising campaign. If everybody will pitch in, we will wake this sleeping nation.