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KFW ON TERM LIMITS

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-TERM LIMITS:

Mr. Michael Pitman with Cox Media asked for my opinion on term limits as he is covering the candidates in Ohio's 8th district congressional campaign.

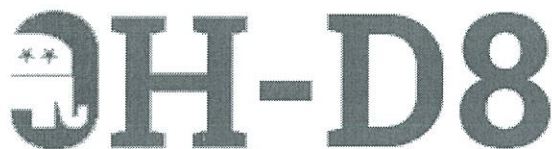
Here's the deal: term limits on members of congress are NOT my first choice of tools to address voter frustration with "business as usual" and the "career politician syndrome". As a voter it has always been my position that term-limits do NOT address the root cause of this problem which is campaign finance rules and lobbyists/big money. Why should I as a voter penalize myself from voting for the candidate of my choosing simply because he or she has served in office for an arbitrary period of time? Does this make them less effective? No, each incumbent should be evaluated on his or her performance and to take that choice away from the voter is less freedom-not more. Once again the voter ends up being restricted all because Washington cannot seem to reform itself.

As a voter I do not want to give any more ground to the Washington establishment and I resent that I have to relinquish personal choice to vote for the candidate of my choosing- incumbent or not, all because Washington cannot or will not reform the way elections are influenced by big money, lobbyists etc. As long as big money rules the day, it really matters not if we do or do not have term limits because we have not changed the root systemic problem within our system. One crony politician chosen by the system will simply follow the term-limited predecessor and you will have a new candidate in "name-only"- nothing of substance is likely to change. It is yet more window-dressing.

Lastly, since the Supreme Court has ruled (under the guise of "free speech") that certain entities to include various political groups are not subject to campaign finance laws/regulations that limit how much money can be donated to political campaigns- the question we must ask is what other options are left to address voter frustration with the status-quo? There is no silver bullet; term limits on members of congress is one option popular now and it may help. Notwithstanding as explained above, it is not my first choice. Would I support term limit legislation? Yes, in some form I would. However, I remain skeptical this measure will improve the political landscape of the status-quo; it attacks the symptom and not the cause. The Supreme Court has made this a very difficult item to reform via statute. Short of a constitutional amendment we are left with political parties self-regulating their candidates and most importantly it always comes down to us, **THE PEOPLE**. After all we vote for these folks or not. The buck stops with the citizen and his or her level of involvement. The system is not perfect but it is probably still the best system out there.

Kevin F. White, Candidate U.S. Congress OH District 8

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What is your position on how the U.S. government should battle terror at home and abroad?

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1. GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR:

I Support a strong foreign policy that trumpets "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" with American leadership at the helm. I am fairly certain I am the only candidate that has walked the sand and dirt in Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya all in first hand support of American foreign policy as it is carried out in the region. I have a keen in-depth knowledge of our country's strategic and tactical operations in our on-going fight in the Global War on Terrorism. Members of Congress need experience and knowledge in foreign policy, national defense and homeland security. I believe my credentials in this area far and away exceed that of other candidates for this office.

My specific proposals to ensure domestic security and win the Global War on Terror are as follows:

- (1) **Re-affirm America's support for our only REAL ALLY in the Middle East: Israel.** Mr. Obama has weakened and damaged U.S. foreign policy in the region and around the world. There is no more important/faithful strategic partner in the Middle East than Israel.
- (2) **Name the threat:** eliminate Obama's pre-occupation with offending anyone all in the name of political correctness. **Radical Islam** is the main sponsor of global terrorism. Any terror threat no-matter the name or brand is our enemy-PERIOD. Terrorists must be killed if they intend to project violence upon our people and our friends. Attacks upon our people, our country and our interests shall not be tolerated at any time, at any place. We will bear any price and any burden to ensure our liberty and freedom the world over.

(3) **Fund an "all-in" approach** based on subject matter expert advice on how to best **secure our nation's borders**. Border security is an enumerated responsibility of the federal government as a subset to "provide for the common defense". Walls, fences, electronic systems, drones, border patrols etc. – every technological and human asset should be deployed smartly to ensure effective border security- PERIOD.

(4) **Ingress and egress into our country by any number of programs need a bottom-up review**. Best practices, sharing of intelligence and continuous improvement must drive innovations in homeland security, immigration, visa issuances etc. If our government cannot safely and efficiently screen people travelling into our country then more severe measures should be contemplated until this burden returns to a manageable level. Imbedded terror threats are an ever-present danger to our citizens. **We must only facilitate entry and exit that can be properly vetted**.

(5) **Reduce our national debt**, strengthen our economy and stop hindering domestic energy development so that we can operate from a position of military strength, economic strength and energy independence. The former Soviet Union-Russia's economy is essentially three dimensional: it runs on gas/oil revenue, vodka sales and arms exports. Mr. Putin failed to diversify his country's economy during the boom oil years. A strong American economy coupled with our ability to not import oil and possibly export petroleum product puts us in a very strong position that he cannot afford to match. **Peace through strength depends on a strong American economy as well as a first rate well-funded military**.

(6) **Restore military readiness** where it has been compromised and maintain high standards of readiness elsewhere. Let the branches of our military have more say in procurement decisions so we don't end up buying poor weapon systems just because it is built in some member of congress' district: re-form procurement award and decision-making so the taxpayer gets the most "bang for the buck". Enhance intelligence gathering capabilities within the bounds of the constitution for maximum benefit.

(7) **Stop the invasion of "Political Correctness"** within our defense-military establishment. All agencies should follow the constitution and the law. However, military commanders are paid to fight and win wars on behalf of America and her interests. The military branches of service are not to be experiments in social policy. Get politics out of war-fighting decision-making. No policy should ever reduce military readiness or our military's ability to fight and win wars. ROE (rules of engagement) should not limit but rather enhance strategies we have in place to fight Radical Islam, Jihadists or any generic terrorist or military threat.

(8) **Fortify our nation's electrical transmission grid system**; this is a vulnerable system that if attacked or damaged through natural causes could bring the country to a halt. You cannot engage in commerce almost anywhere without electricity. This is a sleeper threat to our nation's security and our economy that currently receives little or no attention due to current events. Government and industry must partner to address this weakness.

(9) Partner with private industry to develop better **"cyber-security"** to protect American industry, consumers and financial transactions/banks-centers of monetary exchange.

(10) **IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL**: pass legislation that counter-acts the President's wanton, reckless disregard for good judgment in his approving of this agreement. Elect a republican president to cancel the deal. Monitor and take all prudent steps necessary to prevent Iran's ability to acquire a nuclear weapon-PERIOD. Most likely re-instate economic sanctions and defund any of the administration's attempts to participate in this agreement or any agreement similar to it in the future.

(11) **Pass a National Right to Carry Law**: America's collective security would be greatly enhanced if congress passed a national right to carry law. A Republican President would likely sign it.

(12) **IRAQ:** Re-stabilize Iraq by increasing bombing efforts of any and all targets of opportunity with relentless frequency and ferocity. Partner with verifiable loyal-to- America indigenous forces (some specific Kurd-Iraqi factions etc.) to prosecute a ground campaign to re-take the country, re-establish its borders and eradicate the ISIL/ISIS threat from within Iraq. This must be a U.S. military effort that partners with Iraqi forces and willing coalition countries sympathetic to the mission. All branches of military service should have roles in prosecuting this campaign. I estimate the minimum number of American ground troops necessary to be at least 10,000. Consultation with the Pentagon of course is most appropriate as they already have a plan ready to go. A Diplomatic/political solution will follow after the military re-takes the land- more on that later.

(13) **SYRIA:** President Obama's gross failure here has created a hornet's nest of a complex problem. Chief outcomes to avoid are: a proxy war with Russia/Putin, expansion of ISIL/ISIS to other weak and/or failing states in the region, a Holy War declaration by all of Islam on America and/or the West or all non-Islamic countries. There are few good options, however I advocate the following:

- Establish NO-FLY ZONES

- Work with Turkey on common interests in the conflict.

- Communicate clearly either via "back-door" channels or by other means to Mr. Putin emphatically are objectives and de-conflict those campaigns- air or ground from Russian military engagement.

- Fortify existing refugee camps and provide air and ground/humanitarian support to facilitate safe and orderly operations. The more refugees we can keep at home in their own country the better.

- Continue to arm "rebel forces" that we backed in the beginning of this conflict as they struggle against Assad unless our strategic interests dictate otherwise. Consult with subject matter experts at State and the Pentagon. This puts pressure on Assad's regime and Russia.

- Execute airstrikes and Special Forces campaigns against any target of opportunity in Syria that poses risks to security in the region as necessary. This means attacking ISIS/ISIL, Al-QAEDA or any other terrorist cell/threat we deem appropriate.

- I do not support deployment at this time of any large contingent of American ground fighting forces due to the extremely un-stable situation in Syria and the risks of involving American troops in a ground proxy war with Russia.

(14) **Support measures that restrict the flow of money** to entities & countries that sympathize with known or suspected terrorist groups. Cut foreign aid significantly (by perhaps 35%) and ensure U.S. foreign aid money does not go to countries who are marginal allies or adversaries of the United States.

(15) **DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL EFFORTS:** Military operations can only stabilize the regions discussed in this paper. Long term stability and peace depends on political solutions that rest with the stakeholders in the region. The conflict within Islam (Sunni-Shia) is caustic and bitter to the same level as Arab vs Israeli. Currently Saudi Arabia appears to trying to start efforts to contrive some kind of dialogue in the region and Obama's administration has been somewhat active in this area as well. Players have been identified that can begin the kinds of conversations needed to bring a potential political solution to Iraq. As far as Syria is concerned, since Russia is involved it is unsavory but likely Russia will be a necessary player in any peaceable end to hostilities in that broken state.

The culture of "Radical Islam" is not accepting of western ideas nor is it compatible with American values promoting self-determination, freedom of expression/religion and representative government to name just a few. These principles by definition threaten the religious authority and cultural governance of Islamic societies; hence America is- more often than not- by definition viewed as a direct adversary to the world of Islam. In direct contrast to our country the culture of Islam makes no separation between culture, religion and government. We know peace comes through strength. We know America is truly the world's only superpower for now and by default history reinforces that America must lead. The world expects us to and when we do we help ensure order and guard against disorder; we see other nations more willing to risk their own resources to solve regional problems. We know there will be mistakes and as in any leadership position we fully expect criticism from many and praise from few. At the end of the day- just as in the immediate moments following the attacks of 9-11 Americans understand that often times we are alone and unpopular with many forces in the world. The price of freedom is high but we have stated it is a price we are willing to pay. The world must know our strength comes not from only military might but from our national treasure of diverse people- that all lives matter- that Americans will lead and not faint and that we, for all our faults, will continue to move the bar forward for all people that seek and love freedom.[4]



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KFW TAX-CUT & FEDERAL SPENDING PROPOSAL 7 DEC 2015

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BULLETIN: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

07 DEC 2015: Kevin F. White (R), candidate for the 8th OH congressional district releases TAX REFORM & FEDERAL SPENDING PLAN

This proposal will achieve tax reductions, spending cuts and tax code simplification- some highlights are listed below:

- Reduce the number of personal income tax brackets from 7 to 4
 - Reduce the corporate income tax rate to one flat rate
 - Reduce long term capital gains income tax rates
 - Abolish (AMT): Alternative Minimum Tax provision
 - Reduce the Social Security payroll tax rate
 - Eliminate the payroll tax cap on wages earned
 - Raise the Medicare payroll tax rate to one single higher rate
 - Adjust Social Security full benefit age qualification
 - Cut federal spending by 1% across the board

I. THE PROBLEM:

"Total federal spending for fiscal year 2012 reached \$3.6 trillion or 22.9 percent the size of the entire U.S. economy. In the past 20 years, federal outlays have grown 71 percent faster than inflation. The average American household's share of this spending is \$29,691—roughly two thirds of median household income (\$44,986). This relentless growth is projected to continue, pushing total government outlays to \$5.5 trillion a decade from now, and to about 36 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the next 25 years. Federal entitlements are driving this spending growth, having increased from less than half of total federal outlays just 20 years ago to nearly 62 percent in 2012.

Three major programs—

Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security—dominate in size and growth, soaking up about 44 percent of the budget. All three programs are growing faster than inflation, and when joined with \$1.7 trillion in new Obamacare spending—will drain about 18.5 percent of the nation's total economic output by mid-century. Because that is about the historical annual average of total October 16, 2012 federal tax revenue, it means all other government programs—national defense, veterans health care, transportation, federal law enforcement, and others—would effectively have to be financed on borrowed money. Other entitlements continue growing as well. Anti-poverty programs have surged by 49 percent in just the past decade, even after adjusting for inflation. Spending for food stamps alone has more than tripled since 2002. Health programs, including Medicaid, have increased by 38 percent, and housing assistance by 48 percent. Although these entitlement programs have dominated the government's spending growth, discretionary spending—spending authorized by annual appropriations bills—also has grown by 40 percent more than inflation, to \$1.289 trillion. Spending on non-defense programs has grown 29 percent. These outlays peaked in 2010 due to the stimulus bill, but remain 7 percent higher than their pre-stimulus level of 2008. The result of this increasing deficit spending—which is financed by borrowing—is growing debt. If current policies continue, debt held by the public will approach 90 percent of total economic output by 2022, and will be twice the size of the entire economy 25 years from now.' [1]

Folks we have a spending problem; not a revenue problem. This is a real threat to American prosperity, American security and for future generations of Americans. It is essential that both parties face this challenge "head-on" and for once actually cut federal spending to manageable levels that the country can afford.

In this proposal (which represents a "good start") I advocate cutting federal spending by essentially 1% (or approximately 35 billion dollars) for the first budget year after this law is passed and then freezing federal spending at that budget year's level for two successive years. This approach allows for modest restraint in the near term and affords three years to contrive a long term plan to develop responsible federal budgets that will reduce our debt burden and return federal spending to affordable, manageable levels. This plan broadens the tax base, cuts tax rates, simplifies the tax-code, eliminates certain tax perks that can entice fraud and rewards "skin in the game". Specifics follow:

II. FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS TO SPENDING:

My formula for cutting federal spending is simple. Take total federal spending in years 2012, 2013 & 2014... average that number and take 1% percent. Next reduce the federal spending in year-one of this law (my proposal) by that dollar amount. Here is the math:

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| 2012 Federal spending | 3.6 Trillion dollars |
| 2013 Federal spending | 3.5 Trillion dollars |

2014 Federal spending 3.5 Trillion dollars

3-Year Federal Avg. 3.53 Trillion dollars

1% Federal cut .0353T or 35.3 Billion dollars

The 35.3 billion dollars must be cut across the board evenly against each line-item federal expenditure in year one of this law. In years two and three the federal budget is frozen at this aggregate spending level; adjustments on how that money is spent is at the discretion of the government. Summary: this reduction in spending represents a real cut to federal spending by 1% and freezes spending for two additional years. It is a good start but more reforms will be necessary to ensure federal fiscal solvency in the future. Government must decrease so we the people can increase.

III. SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE:

Promises made shall be promises kept. Long-term reforms to Social Security and Medicare will be necessary and both programs will require periodic updating in order to meet future changes in the country's demographics. The programs cannot remain static and also solvent at the same time as the two conditions are not compatible.

Efficiencies must be found within the system and requirements for persons to qualify for disability benefits must be scrutinized and strengthened to protect against fraud and abuse. In my proposal I make the following changes:

–SOCIAL SECURITY& MEDICARE CONT.:

- (1) Cut the payroll social security tax rate from 6.2% to 4.75%.
- (2) Remove the wage-cap upon which social security taxes are collected; all income is taxed.
- (3) Raise the "full-benefit" age for persons born after 1960 from 67 to 69 yrs.
- (4) Raise the "full-benefit" age for persons born after 1980 from 67 to 71 yrs.
- (5) No "full-benefit" age changes for persons born before 1960.
- (6) Exempt a beneficiary's social security income from federal income tax for the first 12 years; the beneficiary's 13th year income received from social security and following is subject to federal income tax.
- (7) The federal government must re-pay all monies borrowed from the Social Security trust fund with interest (market rates not to exceed 4%) within 12 years of passage of this law. Future borrowing from the trust fund is prohibited.
- (8) Social Security COLA formula changed to (50%) (CPI-W) + (50%) (CPI-E)
Example if applied to 2016 (.5) (-.4%) + (.5) (.6%) = .1% COLA raise
- (9) Raise Medicare payroll tax rate from 1.49% to 1.75% on all income.

IV. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT:

I am a strong advocate of repealing the "Affordable Care Act" otherwise known as "Obama-CARE". The additional taxes associated with this law are burdensome and costly to every stakeholder in the economy. This program alone represents huge expansions in entitlement spending that we simply cannot afford. Unless it is abolished and/or

reformed-replaced with a more affordable option, the program will collapse under its own weight.

I have stated that while I support a full repeal I find this outcome to be very unlikely given the partisan dynamics in congress; there simply are not enough votes as of this writing for repeal. Notwithstanding until and unless repeal can happen it is vital to drive systemic reforms to this program in order to achieve fiscal relief. The Court has spoken with respect to the constitutionality of this law and while I do not agree with their interpretation- it is the law. Leaders must be problem-solvers; that is what the people expect from their representatives in Washington. I will pledge a two-tracked strategy on Obama-CARE: repeal first while simultaneously pursuing cost-cutting reforms. We do not as a party have the luxury of unlimited time to wait for repeal to happen all the while ignoring the high cost of this mis-guided law. The issue must be attacked on both fronts; I am committed to this approach.

V. PERSONAL INCOME TAXES:

Current tax law prescribes 7 income tax brackets: 10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35%, and 39.6%. Some highlights under my proposal: *abolish AMT, no "marriage penalty", 7 brackets are reduced to 4, charitable deductions move from "Schedule-A" to "Form 1040", casualty losses move from "Schedule-A" to "Form 1040" and itemized deductions claimed on "Schedule-A" are capped at \$30,000.00.*

The following specifics apply:

(1) Abolish AMT (Alternative Minimum Tax), period.

(2) Personal Income Tax Brackets & Rates:

Single Filer Tax Rates:

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|----------------|-------|--|
| \$0 TO \$40K | 9% | Long term Cap gain tax 0% (greater than 3 yrs.) |
| \$40K-69K | 17% | Long term Cap gain tax 5% (greater than 3 yrs.) |
| \$69K-\$250K | 26% | Long term Cap gain tax 15% (greater than 3 yrs.) |
| \$250K-OR MORE | 32.5% | Long term Cap gain tax 17.5% (greater than 3 yrs.) |

** U.S. company paid dividends taxed at maximum rate of 15% for us citizens regardless of effective tax bracket or length of term held.*

Married Joint-Filers' Tax Rates:

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| \$0 TO \$80K | 9% | Long term Cap gain tax 0% (greater than 3 yrs.) |
| \$80K-138K | 17% | Long term Cap gain tax 5% (greater than 3 yrs.) |
| \$138K-\$500K | 26% | Long term Cap gain tax 15% (greater than 3 yrs.) |
| \$500K-OR MORE | 32.5% | Long term Cap gain tax 17.5% (greater than 3 yrs.) |

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Short term capital gains (securities held less than 3 years) would be taxed at regular rates as delineated above. Long term gains (securities held longer than 3 years) would be subject to long term capital gains tax rates prescribed above.

- (3) Cap "Schedule-A" itemized deductions to \$30,000.00.
- (4) Eliminate section 179 and bonus 50% accelerated depreciation provisions.
- (5) Exempt social security wages from U.S. federal income tax for the beneficiary's first 12 years.
- (6) Eliminate all refundable tax credits.
- (7) Move certain charitable deductions directly to "Form 1040" (not subject to schedule-A limits). Taxpayers employed by, a benefactor of or affiliated with a private foundation that is claimed as a charitable deduction can only claim this deduction on "Schedule-A".
- (8) Move personal casualty losses directly to "Form 1040" (not subject to schedule-A limits).

These provisions simplify the code, help reduce fraud and cut rates. There are fewer "set-asides" and loop-holes. It rewards investment in U.S. companies; it makes sense.

VI. CORPORATE INCOME TAXES:

"The United States has the third highest general top marginal corporate income tax rate in the world at 39 percent, which is the same as Puerto Rico and is exceeded only by Chad and the United Arab Emirates. The worldwide average top corporate income tax rate (accounting for 173 countries and tax jurisdictions) is 22.9 percent, 29.8 percent weighted by GDP. By region, Europe has the lowest average corporate tax rate at 18.7 percent (26.1 percent weighted by GDP). Africa has the highest simple average at 28.77 percent. Larger, more industrialized countries tend to have higher corporate income tax rates than developing countries. The World-wide average corporate tax rate has declined since 2003 from 30 percent to 22.9 percent. [2]

We must cut corporate income tax rates in order to keep and attract businesses in America. We should be the best place in the world to conduct business and commerce for a variety of reasons to include our corporate tax structure. The following specifics apply:

- (1) Corporate Tax Rate Lowered from 39% to 22.5%.
- (2) All net income reported is taxed; no exclusions.

VII. SUMMARY:

This proposal cuts real federal spending, cuts individual income tax rates, cuts corporate income tax rates, simplifies the tax code, eliminates gimmicks and fraud-prone loop-holes, broadens the tax base, freezes federal spending for two years and goes a long way towards ensuring Social Security and Medicare are well funded and solvent for many generations to come. Continuous improvement has to be congress' marching orders in order to earn the confidence of the American people; government must- starting right now strive to become a worthy steward of the people's money.

After reading several documents put forth by the "Tax Foundation" and other sources, I am persuaded that this type of plan is the only viable near term logical pathway to fiscal security and sound budgeting. According to the Tax Foundation, "...eight presidential candidates have released tax reform proposals that lower marginal tax rates significantly. Yet, each of these proposals is estimated to cost more than \$500 billion over ten years, with some reducing federal revenues by over \$10 trillion. These high deficit figures indicate that candidates have not proposed sufficiently ambitious measures to broaden the U.S. tax base." [3]

There are many ideas out there and I am open to suggestions to improve upon what I have proposed today; I reserve the right to amend this proposal for the better. I am, however, not in favor of a national sales tax, a value-added tax nor any kind of new tax that could possibly come along side of our current income-tax. I welcome your feedback and critique. Thanks for listening and have a blessed day.

Regards,



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EmpowerU 8th Congressional District Candidate Interview/forum

Format

Approximately two hours are planned for this forum: 90 minutes of question and answer, posed by the panel and 30 minutes of select questions from the audience. The forum opens with each candidate introduced by the moderator (EmpowerU is working to secure a professor of political science with knowledge of the 8th district to serve as moderator.)

Each participant is asked to provide a short bio/introduction (paragraph) to be read by the moderator. A three-minute closing opportunity will be afforded each candidate to offer any comments/qualifications and/or explain why they would be the best choice to represent the voters of the 8th district.

Questions will be posed by a panel consisting of three individuals—each versed in a specific area of government policy.

Candidates will have up to two minutes to answer each question. A timekeeper will use paddles to alert when 30 seconds remain (yellow) and when time expires (red). Note, this forum is not a debate, rather a candidate interview for the congressional seat.

The moderator has the discretion to ask the panelists if they have a follow-up to a candidate's answer. They may also comment or ask a question to clarify a response.

If an invite is issued, will you be able to participate in the candidate's forum at Lakota Freshman School on February 24? yes - thank you!

Please sign, date and return the attached survey by 1/22 to acknowledge consent to inclusion of responses in the voter guide and agreement with the format of the forum.

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Ohio 8th Congressional District Candidate Survey

- ~~1.~~ What federal government agency/department, if any, warrants elimination? Why?
- ~~2.~~ The federal government is charged with protecting American's freedoms while also keeping America safe. Is it possible to keep America safe while protecting the privacy and freedom of the individual citizen in an increasingly dangerous world? If both freedom and safety are in conflict, what should be the top priority?
- ~~3.~~ Should there be term limits in the House of Representatives? If yes, how many? If no, why not?
- ~~4.~~ Should the U.S. create a path to citizenship for people who have entered the country illegally?
- ~~5.~~ Can this be justified while avoiding unequal treatment of those pursuing citizenship or naturalization via the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service?
- ~~6.~~ What is the proper role of the United States when it comes to the internal affairs of other countries? Should foreign policy serve the national interests of the United States or is there a role for nation building?
- ~~7.~~ Do you support a voucher or tax credit program whereby parents are given the right to choose which school receives the tax dollars allocated for their child?
- ~~8.~~ Do you support the common core standards mandated by the U.S. Department of Education? Should curriculum and standards be set at the federal level.
- ~~9.~~ What is the proper role of the US Department of Education as it pertains to the individual state's ability to govern themselves and local control of education?

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- Labor & Commerce 2-1
- Interior & agriculture 2-1
- Defense & Dept of Veteran affairs 2-1
- Energy & Transportation 2-1

~~10.~~ The recent Congressional omnibus bill funded organizations and programs that many Americans claim violates their core values and raised Constitutional issues. Is any item currently being funded in the federal budget that would require you to vote against a "must pass" budget even if in doing so, it forced a closure of some percentage of the federal government.

~~11.~~ How would you avoid the necessity of passing last minute Omnibus bills?
Could/Should budget votes be separated so that controversial subject matter not be included in a must pass bill?

~~12.~~ How would you describe the job of a U.S. Representative in the House?

~~13.~~ Please Identify one **current** House and one Senate member who most closely aligns with your personal political ideology and/or view of governance.
Please explain why you have chosen these two people?

Please complete your responses on separate sheets and attach to this form.

Signed _____

[Signature]

Date _____

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Please return your responses to this survey by January 22, 2016



Dear Sir or Ma'am:

Thanks so much for your inquiry and 13 question survey. I will answer these questions and attach some policy documents that describe my platform as well as my stance on relevant issues. The following applies:

1.) **Federal Dept. or agencies needing elimination**: first as you know there are 15 cabinet level departments. No effort to eliminate a cabinet department has been successful heretofore. President Ronald Reagan's attempt to reduce the size of government is the most recent serious attempt to do so but failed; therefore, it is my assessment that elimination of cabinet departments while a worthy goal is not a probable outcome. Notwithstanding I propose consolidation from 15 federal cabinet departments to 10:

- 1.) State
- 2.) Treasury
- 3.) (Defense & Vet. Affairs)
- 4.) Justice
- 5.) (Interior & Agriculture)
- 6.) (Commerce & Labor)
- 7.) (HHS & Education)
- 8.) (Transportation & Energy)
- 9.) Homeland Security
- 10.) Housing & Urban Development

The departments in blue would be combined & consolidated; if we could achieve more I would be an advocate. I would support elimination of redundant programs and a cut of administrative staffing by at least 33%. This all starts with my proposed 1% across the board cut in federal spending (approximately 35 billion dollars) followed by an additional 2 year freeze in federal spending. Chances are audits/reports both private and public have hard data available now for the Congress & the Executive to reference should government seriously decide to seek efficiencies and cost savings. (<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/kfw-tax-cut-federal-spending-proposal-7-dec-2015/>)

2.) **Freedoms contrasted with keeping Americans safe**: these two priorities will ebb and flow with dynamic regularity as the nation, its demographics and threat-types change and evolve. I am a defender of liberty first and as a warrior I defended liberty via military actions. Both freedom &

safety are-and will be in conflict. The top priority in my view should be preservation of individual liberties but there will come times when safety will trump liberty in order to serve & protect the common good. These instances should be the exception based on acute known or perceived threats and not the rule. The Constitutional protections against unlawful search & seizure and due process must be the standard to uphold and keep. Exceptions to these protections should be deployed with great care & scrutiny; they should be temporary and narrow in scope. The American people will have the last say on this through elections, petitions and involvement in our political system. Yes, it is possible; Americans can meet this challenge. (<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/core-beliefs/>)

3.) **Term Limits**: since the Supreme Court held that corporations are persons and enjoy freedom of speech protections, the remedy proposed here (term limits) may well be the last and only option available to check and balance the Washington establishment and politics as usual. While I do not believe term limits will achieve the desired corrective effects that frustrated voters seek, I have stated I would support them in some fashion: perhaps senatorial term limits of 2 consecutive terms or 12 years and house of representative term limits of 6 consecutive terms or 12 years. Without fundamental reforms that get to the root issue (like campaign finance rules) I believe term limits only correct the symptom at the voter's expense (by limiting choice). The old guard will change candidates in name only and thereby perpetuate business as usual. I have attached a policy document that contemplates "Term Limits" for your review. (<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/kfw-on-term-limits/>)

4.) **Path to citizenship**: yes- there are two responsible parties for the United States having 11 million or so illegal residents (equal to the population of Ohio). The federal government is at fault for not enforcing immigration laws and for not securing the border. The perpetrator is at fault because he or she chose to violate the law and trespass and reside in the United States illegally. We are a nation of laws and the executive is constitutionally charged with enforcing the law. I would support the following initiatives:

- 1.) Secure the border via any and all means available now.
- 2.) Mandate full-enforcement of current immigration law.
- 3.) No persons enter the nation unless & until they are properly vetted.

4.) Countries that passively or actively encourage illegal entry of their citizens or their non-residents into our country would be sanctioned economically.

5.) Immediate deportation of all illegal residents out of our country that have known criminal records.

6.) Any so-called “sanctuary-city” would be punished and or penalized to the fullest extent allowable under federal law to include withholding certain federal funding.

7.) Self-deportation would be encouraged for all persons living here illegally.

8.) Illegals that fail to self-deport would be pursued and deported.

9.) **ONE TIME REMEDIATION**: Illegals residing in the USA before 2001 would have a ONE-TIME special option to pay a substantial fine and apply for legal citizenship under an immigration remediation program facilitated by the federal government. These persons would have to register and apply for this program or otherwise face deportation. The fine could be set at \$5000.00 per persons 18 years or older at the time of application with a family cap of \$15000.00 in the case of minor children. This would be a temporary program finite in scope with a set expiration of 2yrs from date of program implementation. Any and all persons not processed within the special 2yr remediation period would be subject to immediate deportation under law; no exceptions. Naturalization protocols would be followed and English language proficiency would be required. At the end of 2yrs this program would be discontinued, all provisions rescinded. The problem was caused by two entities and due to the enormous numbers of people affected a solution that involves both offending parties is both reasonable and responsible. Never again can we allow our government to look the other way for any reason and create another illegal residency problem on our land. The gross negligence of our leaders in government, their failure to execute the duties of their office enabled and encouraged this massive problem to develop for years. Anybody that says we will simply deport 11+ million persons out of our country is pandering.

5.) **Can a “yes to 4” be justified**: given the strict proposal including the fines enumerated in “4” I would say this is a reasonable compromise that ensures accountability and solves a hugely ignored problem. No violation or failure of compliance with the law is ever justified. We can remediate, however.

6.) **U.S. Foreign Policy & Nation Building**: America’s foreign policy

should serve the national interest first. Secondly, our policies should not be subjugated to U.N. authority & control. We should encourage & support humanitarian causes around the world and influence independent states to embrace the precepts of freedom, liberty and self-determination whenever practical. Our policies should enhance regional stabilities and deter those operatives that engage in terror and chaos. **History teaches us that nation building is very expensive and normally ineffective; as a general policy I do not advocate "nation-building"**. Western democratic ideals cannot be forcibly exported to incompatible cultures like fundamental Islam, however, we can encourage stability and civility through trade and military cooperation with more moderate regimes. We must stand with Israel as our only true ally in the Middle East. I also advocate cutting foreign aid by approximately 30% and most importantly stop sending money to countries that are either foe or friend in name only. American foreign policy should be based on American ideals; I believe in peace through strength with American leadership at the helm.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/what-is-your-position-on-how-the-u-s-government-should-battle-terror-at-home-and-abroad/>)

7.) **Education Voucher & Tax Credit programs**: I have a policy document on my website addressing education reforms. The nation's commitment to public education is vital to America's future and to the American fabric. I advocate returning power and control of education to the states where it belongs constitutionally. **Any programs such as vouchers and education tax credits should be embraced to allow more choice and competition in public education.** The goal should be to upgrade the quality of the entire education system without depriving the poor and disenfranchised opportunities to learn and grow within the public system. Competition, marketplace-type disciplines and returning decision-making to front line educators, parents and communities is key to enhancing excellence to the class room. The two most "socialistic-type" national institutions America has are public education and the Indian reservation system; they are proof positive of how a top-down central controlled system fails under its own weight and inefficiencies. We can and must do better; America's kids and American families hang in the balance.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/public-education-by-kevin-f-white-candidate-u-s-congress-ohio-district-82-jan-2016/>)

8.) **Common Core**: no, I absolutely oppose "Common-Core"; states

should control standards, curriculum and execution. The federal government can challenge, collect & share data such as best practices among the states and help set national goals. It can provide incentives and facilitate partnerships between states, communities, businesses and academia.
(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/public-education-by-kevin-f-white-candidate-u-s-congress-ohio-district-82-jan-2016/>)

9.) **Proper Role of U.S. Dept. of Education**: the U.S. Constitution leaves the responsibility for public K-12 education with the states. [1]
*The original Department of Education was created in 1867 to collect information on schools and teaching that would help the States establish effective school systems. While the agency's name and location within the Executive Branch have changed over the past 130 years, this early emphasis on getting information on what works in education to teachers and education policy-makers continues down to the present day. In 1980, Congress established the Department of Education as a Cabinet level agency.[2] The Department of Education, a 4,200-person agency, has enjoyed dramatic funding increases year after year since its creation over three decades ago.[3] The over-reach and manipulative arm of the federal government is wasteful, ineffective and self-serving; the "one-size" fits all model perpetuates substandard results. Return funding (no strings attached) to individual states and decentralize public education decision-making on behalf of our teachers, families and kids; empower local school boards and communities to compete and win in delivering top quality public education. Eliminate redundant and ineffective programs; drive performance based results wherever possible. The federal government should set national goals and issue competitive challenges for scholastic achievement; the execution of public education strategy, however, rests with the states and local communities.
(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/public-education-by-kevin-f-white-candidate-u-s-congress-ohio-district-82-jan-2016/>)

10.) **Must Pass Budget/Congressional Omnibus Bill**: any further avoidance by Washington to deal with run-away federal spending and the ever increasing national debt must end and if that necessitates a partial government shutdown then so be it. The "get-along to go-along" mentality has run its course; big problems require bold leadership. Government must reform and restrain its unchecked growth & expansion for the sake of the solvency of the Republic. While I understand the need for lawmakers

to compromise in order to solve problems, I have stated that I will not compromise my “core values” as I have a few that are not open for negotiation: reducing the over-reach of the federal government, issues of life, the second amendment, peace through strength and equal treatment under the law. I could not have supported the most recent omnibus bill that just passed the Congress for these reasons. I hope Speaker Ryan can secure better options in 2016; I look forward to working with him.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/core-beliefs/>)

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/kfws-platform/>)

11.) **How to avoid last minute Omnibus bills:** we have a prescribed process that works; we just need lawmakers to follow it. The fourteen appropriations bills start in the House. The Senate considers/amends those as appropriate and conference committees produce a collaborative product. The full Congress debates & votes on the bill and if it passes it goes to the Executive for approval/signature or veto. This is a question of leadership and further underscores elections matter. Vote for principled candidates that will uphold their oath to defend and support the Constitution so that government can function and reflect the will of the American people as intended by the founding fathers. I pledge to fulfill my oath and represent the people of Ohio’s 8th district with patriotic allegiance.

12.) **Job of a U.S. Representative in the House:** the fundamental role of a member of the House of Representatives is to champion and represent the interests of his constituents; he works for them. Personally my approach is simple: I have offered myself to serve the people; I have articulated my beliefs as to what I believe and how I will advocate for solutions to the country’s problems. I have proposed specific solutions to some of the nation’s most pressing issues. My approach is similar to President Reagan’s. My positions are clear, conservative and consistent. If the people agree they will vote for me; if they disagree they will vote for another candidate. I stand on principle and invite Ohio voters to stand with me.

13.) **Identify one current House & Senate member you align with:** I really have not given this much thought as often times this question for me, the voter, comes down to a choice of the lesser of two evils. My choices are:

-**House: Congressman Paul Ryan (WI):** I learned more about him since he was a Vice Presidential candidate and it is my judgment Mr. Ryan is not only proficient in his craft but also fiscally conservative and a person of integrity. I don’t agree with the passage of the “Omnibus” budget

deal but I am hopeful based on his entire body of work that he can forge a coalition of conservatism on Capitol Hill.

-Senate: Senator Jeff Sessions (AL): Senator Sessions in my view has been consistently conservative on Capitol Hill. I find his challenges to the Obama administration to be refreshing, unique and effective.

Thank you for your interest in my campaign. Please visit my website to learn more. You may call or email anytime.

Regards,



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1.) **Taxes & Budget-The 3-YR Plan:** Across the board cuts in federal spending by 1% (approx.. 36B dollars), freeze expenditures for successive 2 years, reduce tax brackets from 7-4, cut personal income tax rates, cut corporate income tax rates, expand the tax base, cap schedule “A” deductions to 30K, simplify the tax code and abolish AMT. During this three year time frame contemplate additional major tax reform initiatives such as “Fair Tax” & other proposals.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/kfw-tax-cut-federal-spending-proposal-7-dec-2015/>)

2.) **DEFENSE & NATIONAL SECURITY:** Support a strong foreign policy that trumpets “PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH” with American leadership at the helm. Re-affirm America’s support for Israel, stabilize the Iraq theatre with American & coalition ground forces, target & coordinate efforts to destroy terror cells in Syria/elsewhere, establish & enforce “No-Fly Zones”, fortify refugee camps in the region, facilitate political & diplomatic solutions with stakeholders, fund military readiness & support the troops.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/what-is-your-position-on-how-the-u-s-government-should-battle-terror-at-home-and-abroad/>)

3.) **Secure our Nation’s Borders:** Border security is an enumerated responsibility of the federal government as a subset to “*provide for the common defense*”. Walls, fences, electronic systems, drones, border patrols etc. – every technological and human asset should be deployed smartly to ensure effective border security. We must only facilitate legal entry and exit of persons that can be properly vetted.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/what-is-your-position-on-how-the-u-s-government-should-battle-terror-at-home-and-abroad/>)

4.) **Support a “Balanced Budget Amendment”:** to the U.S. Constitution- requiring the federal government to operate under the limits of a balanced budget.

5.) **Repeal Obama Care aka as the “Affordable Care Act”**: Repeal first while simultaneously pursuing cost-cutting reforms. We do not, as a party, have the luxury of unlimited time to wait for repeal to happen all the while ignoring the high cost of this mis-guided law. The issue must be attacked on both fronts.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/do-you-think-federal-taxes-are-too-high-and-what-do-you-propose-to-do-about-it/>)

6.) **Second Amendment**: Support laws that protect and enhance American’s rights to bear arms for sport and self-defense to include a “national right to carry law”. Marksmanship and being able to defend yourself, in some ways, could be more important in 2015 than in 1815.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/the-second-amendment/>)

7.) **The Right to Life**: Support the rights of all persons to pursue life, liberty and happiness INCLUDING THE UNBORN and most vulnerable members of our society. I believe the Almighty by His sovereign hand ALONE determines when a life is created and also when a life shall end.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/kevin-f-white-candidate-for-congress-ohio-district-8-on-the-right-to-life/>)

8.) **Free & Fair Trade**: Support the rights of all Americans to pursue the American dream unfettered by bias or discrimination; that the sum of their efforts be judged by merited performance in the free enterprise system.

International trade agreements that ensure fair trade and hold bad-actor countries accountable when agreements are abrogated must be enforced or terminated. **(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/letter-of-consideration-kevin-f-white-candidate-u-s-congress-oh-8-butler-county-republican-gop-endorsement-rqst/>)**

9.) **Public Education**: The U.S. Constitution leaves the responsibility for public K-12 education with the states. We over-test and under-educate our students-“Common Core” is a failure. Return funding (no strings attached) to states; decentralize public education. Empower local school boards & communities to compete and win. Drive performance based results wherever possible. Reduce the ranks of administrators- use the savings to raise the pay of and hire more teachers. Focus on mastery of core-knowledge subjects. Facilitate more school choice: educate and enrich the “whole person”. Expand skill-trade education programs.

(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/public-education-by-kevin-f-white-candidate-u-s-congress-ohio-district-82-jan-2016/>)

10.) **Jobs & the American Worker:** Government's chief purpose is not job creation. The private sector creates jobs and government policy can only impact (positively or negatively) private sector job creation. There is little to no systemic discipline in government that can drive efficiencies that compares favorably to how the free market rewards and penalizes risk-takers. I oppose laws that seek to increase the numbers of un-skilled foreign workers coming into our country. We must pursue welfare reform, reward investment in American companies, develop domestic energy, cut foreign aid (2016 is estimated at 36 billion dollars) to include stop sending foreign aid to certain countries that are marginal allies at best if not adversaries. Re-appropriate these monies for domestic use. **Hire American; buy American.**
(<http://www.kevinwhiteforcongress.com/current-events/what-would-you-do-to-create-more-jobs-and-boost-the-economy-in-southwest-ohio/>)

Big Problems require Bold leadership: I have the right combination of skills to do this job better than anyone else. I bring a strong blend of experience in: government, business & management, national security, defense & military, community and labor. But most importantly, I am a proven leader with a well-rounded background. I make decisions based on principle. If you like the state of your Congress then vote for an establishment candidate; they're everywhere! **Last question: "Who would you follow into harm's way, a politician or the Colonel?"** On 15 March 2016 Vote for Life, Liberty & Freedom...Vote Kevin F. White U.S. Congress Ohio district 8. Thanks for listening and have a blessed day.