

Congress Should Follow Main Street's Example and Re-Purpose

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Regardless the party in power, we still have the same unbridled insanity. Republicans act like rich brats on a spending spree when they are in office. They don't raise taxes. They just spend. Then they turn their credit card over to the Democrats who, like parents, begin to wipe up the mess. But their attempt at fixing things only creates an even larger mess. Instead of cutting corporate welfare, they raise taxes to pay for the mess that the Republicans created, while at the same time creating loopholes for Wall Street and the rich to slip through. Changing the same guards who merely wear a different color of the same corporate uniform is not going to change things significantly for the majority of our people who live on Main Street.

If you look at the various businesses around any small town square such as the one in Garland Texas, you are likely to see re-purposing in action: a church in what was once an old store front, a coffee house/community center in another, etc. Re-purposing is a solution that Congress would do well to emulate. Re-purpose the tax money that is already there by eliminating corporate welfare to Wall Street, instead of adding to the tax burden.

For example, we currently pay out \$19 billion dollars a year in farm subsidies. **This money was originally intended for small family farmers who live on the land that the farm, not as handouts to rich Wall Street Agribusinesses.** Today, less than half a million of that \$19 BILLION goes to small farmers. The rest goes to large agribusinesses like Archer Daniels—a corporation convicted of price fixing in the mid 1990's. We can take that \$18.5 billion and re-purpose it for other projects such as building needed medical facilities. Right here in the Third District, Collin County does not even have a county hospital. By re-purposing farm subsidies to Wall Street, ordinary citizens could have need medical facilities without having to pay a dime and without raising taxes.

As your U.S. Representative, I will support small businesses and the full recovery of Main Street, not only in my district, but throughout the USA with solutions that will work—not 50 year old clichés to get myself elected. We do not need a continuation of twenty more years of the same thing in Washington—In fact, our way of life on Main Street will not survive much longer.

WHO IS REALLY TAKING THE LARGER RISK?

- The constituent who votes for an Independent?
- or the constituent who votes for one of the same parties who have gotten us to where we are today and are keeping us there?

PLEASE SUPPORT ME WITH YOUR VOTE IN NOVEMBER AND I'LL SUPPORT YOU IN WASHINGTON.