

Repeal Obamacare, cut regulations and reform the tax code

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A couple of weeks ago, I received a call from one of the local plan rooms here in Tulsa. Plan rooms are where contractors can go to look at the drawings and specifications for buildings that are out for bids. Since architects usually have more advance knowledge about projects that are going to be bid, the plan rooms contact them periodically for an update.

When I asked what types of projects were being bid, I was told that if it were not for schools, there would be very little construction going on at all.

But not all projects are bid through plan rooms, and while many, or perhaps even most, projects are bid privately, building permits are a public record that are published weekly. I have noticed that though there seems to be just as many permits as usual, most of them are very small projects. To boost our economy, what we need are a lot more projects, and a lot more that are large; but that isn't likely to happen until Washington gets things right.

I am convinced that there is a tremendous pent-up demand for construction in America. The American people have a deeply ingrained culture for construction and creativity and they really do not lack the will to build. What they lack is confidence in the economy and in our government, from the top all the way down to the local level.

Never before has America faced the double whammy of a failing economy and what amounts to a constitutional crisis like this. If investors cannot be certain that their investments will be reasonably protected, it is unlikely that they ever will invest.

Recently I heard a Fox News commentator state that fewer Americans were buying homes because they no longer considered a home to be a good investment. In reality, I think that fewer people are buying homes because they can't find regulation-burdened lenders who are willing to risk making a home loan, even to someone who is employed and has a high credit score.

There are still more potential homebuyers who have so little confidence in the economy and in our government that they don't want to risk having the rug pulled out from under them. The fear to invest in property in America is understandable and even justified, and has diminished the amount of construction and development significantly, but I think that the desire to own a home or other property has not diminished at all. The real question is, what will it take to get the confidence of the American people back? And can we reestablish that confidence before the majority of Americans become part of the entitlement class that has skyrocketed under the leadership of the Democrats in Congress, and to a lesser degree, the Republicans.

I believe that America can become the great, free nation that it once was, and though the solution to restore it is simple, getting Washington to implement it will not be easy.

The first thing that has to be done is to achieve a balanced budget by cutting expenses, entitlements, and taxes.

The next thing that needs to be done is to repeal Obamacare completely. Kill it and bury it, and even enact legislation that will prohibit anything like it to pass again. Obamacare is a political and economic nightmare. It alone has the ability to destroy our economy as well as our freedoms. We also must go back to the traditional values of the Constitution and abandon the idea that it is a “living” document. In so doing, we must reverse the flawed Supreme Court decision Kelo vs. New London, so that never again will one individual have his or her property stolen from them and given to another using eminent domain under the guise of economic benefit. In addition, we must oppose Sharia law from being implemented anywhere in the United States.

We must also deconstruct the regulations that are forcing our cities into bankruptcy by forcing conformance with laws whose purposes are political and not in their best interest, and to allow people the freedom to work anywhere, for anyone, without being forced to work for a union. Finally, we need a complete overhaul of our tax code. It has become far too burdensome on American businesses, and puts us at a disadvantage to compete with other countries.

Want a booming economy with lots of construction? Want everyone who wants a job to have one, and to have a good standard of living along with it? Do you want technology to solve the problem of reliance on foreign countries for our oil? The American people are capable and ready to do it, if only our politicians will listen to us and do what is right. Do your part to make certain that they do. Take a risk and don't be afraid. Contact your legislators, write editorials, talk to your friends, get involved with grassroot organizations, and most of all, become a stakeholder in your future and the future of your descendants.

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