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## Allen's eNewsletter

Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans, I have spent the last day recovering from my Saturday half-marathon- the last one of the season. I truly enjoy being out with fellow South Floridians who know their health is a personal matter and also run to support causes for those not as fortunate as this is the essence of being an American!

I suppose that is why I reject the assertion of government dictating edicts of "shared sacrifice" and "fair share" as they are not in a position to be the arbiters of fairness. Americans believe in equality of opportunity and shun the premise of a bureaucratic nanny-state promoting a policy of equality of achievement.

That is why I was absolutely appalled at the horrific Fiscal Year 2013 budget proposal from President Barack Obama released last week. His budget vision does nothing to promote and enhance the American dream of opportunity. What his budget does is endanger the promise that all of us want for our children and grandchildren --- fiscal security.

The President's budget brings about \$47 trillion of new Federal Government spending over the next 10 years. It will increase our federal debt to \$25.9 trillion by the end of Fiscal Year 2022. It means that we shall have added \$10.6 trillion in new debt, resulting in debt payments alone of \$5.7 trillion in Fiscal Year 2013-2022.

In the immediate term, President Obama is asking for \$3.8 trillion in government spending for Fiscal Year 2013, \$1.9 trillion in higher taxes, and \$1.1 trillion in debt held by the American citizen. This totals \$48,000 for each and every one of us in America. By year's end, America will be in debt to the tune of \$16.3 trillion, equating to a debt to GDP ratio of 106.2%.

Now, I know there are people who are reading this update who will always defend the President's policies, but I challenge any of you to defend this clear and present danger to the future of the American Republic. This is not an "economy that is built to last" this is an "economic vision that is built to destroy" any chance for our children to have the highest quality American standard of living.

### Clip of the Week

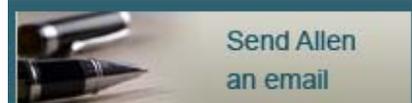


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The politics of demagoguery dividing America will only hasten our eventual demise. The Keynesian economic philosophy of tax and spend of which President Obama and other liberal progressives subscribe will not lift us to new economic heights. We are crushing hardworking American taxpayers and retarding the incentive for Americans to strive for a better life.

The indomitable entrepreneurial spirit of the American innovator and worker must be unleashed with tax, regulatory, monetary, and fiscal policies that enable investment and ingenuity. It is intellectually dishonest to compare personal income tax rates to capital gains tax rates to justify raising capital gains from 15 percent to 30 percent. The resulting effect on investment in America will be catastrophic. Government has no responsibility to select the winners and the losers by manipulating tax policy, and certainly should not be funneling taxpayer funds to political cronies for its own ideological agenda.

President Obama stated by the end of his first term, he would cut the deficit in half. We are instead on our fourth straight year of trillion dollar plus deficits: \$1.42 trillion, \$1.29 trillion, \$1.3 trillion, and an estimated \$1.3 trillion for this year. Please, don't tell me about what was "inherited." Continual excuses are indicative of a person who takes no responsibility for his actions.

Payroll tax cut? Please America, see this for the politicized gimmick it really is and do not allow yourself to be bribed over a short term \$40. We are destroying Social Security as well as American homeowners who will be seeing a \$9,000-\$10,000 increase in loan guarantee fees to fund this one-year extension.

Lastly, as we hear testimony from our military on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization (NDA), all I can think about is the volatility across the world. Here we are in economic straits and we send \$1.2 billion in aid to a Muslim Brotherhood-controlled Egypt now holding 19 Americans hostage. Their sheer gall of declaring a threat to our ally, Israel, if we cut off aid, makes my blood boil.

Reports are that the Iranian Revolutionary Guard forces are now operating in Syria. Consider if we had maintained a credible American military force in Iraq as an external cordon along the borders with Syria and Iran, as well as in Kurdistan. Would this situation be so dire?

Elections have consequences.

Steadfast and Loyal,



### **Legislative Update:**

- **Domestic Energy Production** — Last Thursday, the House approved H.R. 3408, Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security (PIONEERS) Act, by a vote of 237-187, I VOTED NAY. I voted "no" because this legislation would have potentially violated the military training zone in the eastern Gulf of Mexico off Florida's coast, as well as brought oil drilling within 9-12 miles of Florida's coastline. I shall always promote a full spectrum development of America's energy resources but not at risk of our pristine coastline.

- **Payroll Tax Cut Extension** — On Friday, the House approved a Conference Report to H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011 by a vote of 293-192, I VOTED NAY. 41 Democrats also voted no against this legislation. You can view my explanation as to why I did not support this conference report from our press release [here](#). I will not support adding more debt nor burden American homeowners. Lastly, we must realize that this is not a tax cut, it hastens the demise of the Social Security system. I supported H. R. 3630 in December, an exceptional piece of legislation, not this Band-Aid, politicized gimmick.

### **Highlights of the Week:**

- Monday, 13 February, met with the British Consul General assigned for Florida and the southern Hemisphere. We discussed British fiscal policies and challenges in this area in comparison with American fiscal and national security issues. We had both served in Afghanistan so we had some very good stories to share. Met with South Florida Marine

Industry Leaders to discuss the impacts of failing economic and tax policies on their industry. It was a follow-up to the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show where we discussed same issues.

- Tuesday, 14 February, hope everyone had a very Happy Valentine's Day. Met with a staff group of students from the Army's Fort Leavenworth Staff Officers College and discussed national security strategy and fiscal security issues. Met with Colonel Pantano and the lead staff of the Jacksonville District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. We discussed the progress made with our pressing Corps civil works infrastructure projects. Met with representatives from AIPAC on current situation in Middle East with growing belligerence of Iran and volatility in Egypt and Syria as it relates to the security of Israel.
- Wednesday, 15 February, participated in the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) hearing with Secretary of Defense Panetta and CJCS Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dempsey on the Fiscal Year 2013 NDA budget request. Met with representatives from the Marine Corps League's National Legislative Committee on their annual issues. Met with the leadership of Indian River State College discussing their legislative concerns. Met with students from Cardinal Gibbons High School who were part of the Close Up Foundation Washington program. Delivered a special order speech on House floor addressing the history of the Republican Party and the black community as part of Black History Month, you can view the speech [here](#).
- Thursday, 16 February, attended a HASC classified briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan operations and intelligence update. Met with the leadership of Palm Beach State College discussing their legislative concerns. Participated in the HASC hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 NDA budget request for the Department of the Navy, including the United States Marine Corps. Met with representatives of the Agriculture industry to discuss the interests of America's small businesses in the next Farm Bill. Met with the leadership of Broward College to discuss their legislative concerns. Met with Vice Admiral Ryan of the Military Officers Association of America to discuss their legislative concerns- I will be their keynote speaker for their upcoming Annual conference hosted in West Palm Beach. Conducted an hour-long tele-townhall meeting with our constituents, had nearly 6,000 answer our call.
- Friday, 17 February, participated in HASC hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 NDA budget request for the Department of the Army. Met with the JROTC Junior ROTC Cadets from Olympic Heights High School in Charlotte, NC for the second year-- the head of their program is my long-time friend from our service in the Army, Lieutenant Colonel (R) Clayton Neal.
- Saturday, 18 February, attended the reception event for the National Republican Congressional Committee Winter meeting in Naples, FL.
- Sunday, 19 February, ran in the Fort Lauderdale AIA half-marathon. Participated in a Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus forum event at the Boca Raton Synagogue.
- Monday, 20 February, recovered from the half-marathon. Hope you all had a Happy President's Day.

### **This Week:**

- Constituent Work Week, we will have our regular two town hall meetings, one in Deerfield Beach and another in West Palm Beach. See the full details [here](#).

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