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Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans. As I wrap up the previous week I am first and foremost thinking about my brothers in arms—praying that my Marine brothers and sisters had a great 236th Marine Corps birthday, and my fellow veterans had a superb Veterans Day.

Veterans Day was a memorable day that will not come again for another 100 years, as we witnessed the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the 11th year. May God continue to bless those who were willing to make that last full measure of devotion to our beloved Constitutional Republic, the United States of America.

This past week was a very engaging week in our Congressional district. Americans are paying attention and concerned with everything from domestic economic to foreign policy and national security.

Most concerning right now is the news that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) submitted a formal report confirming Iran is marching closer to having a militarized nuclear device. There is no doubt this is a 21st century Chamberlain-Churchill moment for the United States and the world. We must come to grips with understanding the theocracy behind the motive in Iran. History has certainly proven that compromise, appeasement, and negotiations are ineffective means to persuade dictators, despots, autocrats, and theocrats. America must present a credible military threat, option, and presence to Ahmadinejad and Ayatollah Khamenei. This is why “zeroing out” an American military capability in Iraq makes no strategic military sense. Still, for President Obama it does make political expedient sense, and that in my opinion is the obvious reason for his decision.

During my trip to Israel this past summer, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed to the Congressional Delegation the importance of retaining an American military presence in Iraq, to stymie any regional, hegemonic expansion of Iran. There is no doubt that Israel has the capability to take unilateral action against Iranian aggression and the country’s nuclear program. Israel has shown the ability to do so, as in Iraq and Syria. However, it is a different time. When one considers the “off microphone” comments exchanged between French President Nicolas Sarkozy and President Obama, reported [here](#), there is grave concern. The comment by Sarkozy referring to the Prime Minister as a liar was very disturbing, but the fact that Iran and other enemies of Israel know of these comments is unconscionable.

Weekly Video

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Article of the Week

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Supporters gather to raise funds for wounded veterans



Photo of the Week

Presidents Sarkozy and Obama owe Prime Minister Netanyahu and the Israeli people an apology. Not only were their comments disrespectful, but they also endanger the security of the modern day State of Israel. They must wholeheartedly reaffirm their commitment to the Jewish State of Israel, lest they be seen as emboldening and enabling the enemy. As long as their statements remain, Prime Minister Netanyahu has to be concerned whether a unilateral action against Iran will have French and American support.

Meanwhile, America's economic situation continues to be a grave concern. We once again saw the Campaigner-in-Chief take front stage with the self-serving decision to table the \$7 billion Keystone XL pipeline project. This pipeline project had undergone extensive environmental scrutiny and is determined to have minimal impact, as certified by the United States Department of State. A focused march towards our energy independence is a national security, economic, and employment issue. Americans win in all aspects with the construction of the pipeline. The estimation for putting people to work for this project is between 20,000 and 30,000 jobs.

It is obvious President Obama is making decisions that are not necessarily best for the country, but best for his reelection. He has clearly shown that the environmental lobbyists, along with Hollywood elites, are more important to him than struggling Americans. We have seen average gas prices go from \$1.83 to \$3.43 during his term, yet all we get from the President and his administration is crony capitalism and misconceived venture capitalist endeavors supporting their own ideologically-driven energy agenda.

The problems stem beyond the President. This past week we saw Democrat members of the Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction walk out of discussions after Republican members, led by Pennsylvania Freshman Senator Pat Toomey, proved the budget is able to produce revenues by lowering marginal tax rates and eliminating loopholes. Senator Toomey had evidence to show leaders can hold capital gains, dividends, and estate tax rates where they are. By reducing the highest personal income tax rates by 7% from 35% to 28%, doing the same across all tax brackets, and taking corporate tax rates from one of the highest in the world of 35% to 25%, there is hope to reform the tax code.

As you may know, the federal government saw a 6.5% increase in revenues last year, yet we still ran another record \$1.3 trillion deficit. As I've said before, Washington DC does not have a revenue problem, it truly is a spending problem.

If there are some out there who still don't believe America is truly in a crisis and this Administration and its policies are taking us in the wrong direction, I ask you to look at Greece and Italy and compare the debt to GDP ratio- an indicating factor of true crisis and chaos- America is not far behind. Greece has an unsustainable debt to GDP ratio of 128% - the Greek people have now forced Prime Minister George Papandreou out of office. Italy has a debt to GDP ratio of 120% and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has been forced out. America has a debt to GDP ratio of 101% and we will not be able to sustain this much longer. When will President Obama see that his policies are only taking us down the same road as these countries???

In closing, I want to share with you some clear examples of why Americans, when left to their own ideas and "choice" to help those less fortunate, will trump Federal Government programs any day.

Within the past week I attended events with those "Evil One Percenters" you know, those folks who hold all the wealth in America -- yes, those same rascals who pay 38% of all federal taxes. The *Faith, Hope, Love, and Charity* event in Palm Beach



"Rebuilding Together"
West helps renovate a Veteran's house
Click [here](#) for Veterans Day photos



South Florida Highlights

- **Monday, 7 November**, Addressed the Senior Women's social group, Company A+, attended the Palm Beach Atlantic University American Free Enterprise Day honoring this year's award recipients, spoke to the Lantana Middle School 6th Grade, conducted our 19th town hall meeting at the Renaissance Assisted Living Facility in Deerfield Beach. See pictures [here](#).
- **Tuesday, 8 November**, Addressed the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) of South Florida Senior leadership breakfast, spoke at the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce luncheon, met with the SCORE Small Business Advisory council.
- **Wednesday, 9 November**, Addressed the Senior Men's social group, Company A, spoke to the Downtown West Palm Beach Kiwanis luncheon, spoke to

Gardens raised money for the "Stand Down House" - a program for homeless veterans and their families. The charity has already furnished an apartment for a former homeless and jobless female veteran, allowing her to stand on her own, and this is just the beginning.

The *Wounded Warriors Second Chance* organization out of Jupiter, Florida, provides Wounded Warriors and their families a vacation getaway in sunny Florida. Watch a news clip on the weekend fundraiser [here](#). The money raised allows the wounded to enjoy our beautiful South Florida sunshine and beaches, and find a moment of peace and solace.

I also attended the *24th Annual Yacht Rendezvous for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County*. Here again were those selfish, fat cat "One Percenters" raising funds to expand Boys and Girls Clubs in Broward County and the after-school education and dinner programs. The result of these programs are higher graduation rates and fulfilling the Boys and Girls Club motto... "From backpacks to briefcases."

Unlike President Obama and the liberal progressives with their goals of creating and expanding government dependency, the "One Percenters" don't create more victims, they create victors! These victors expand the American entrepreneurial and philanthropic spirit!

Steadfast and Loyal,



Seminole Ridge Community High School Seniors (AP/Honors Government and Economics), conducted our 20th town hall meeting in Palm Beach Shores. See pictures [here](#).

- **Thursday, 10 November**, attended and spoke at the Fallen Heroes Ceremony at Pompano Beach High School, spoke to Discovery Charter Middle School students about education and planning for success, addressed the South Broward Board of Realtors, spoke to the Boca Interfaith Clergy Association, guest speaker for the Florida Atlantic University lecture series for Political Science students.

- **Friday, 11 November (Veterans Day)**, guest speaker for Wellington Christian School Vets Day program, participated in and rode my motorcycle in the Palm Beach County Veterans Day Committee parade, shared the role of Keynote speaker at The Benjamin School Vets Day program with colleague Representative Tom Rooney, spoke to the Martin County Council of 100, and attended the Wounded Warrior Second Chance fundraiser. See video [here](#).

-**Saturday, 12 November**, participated in the "Rebuilding Together" event renovating veterans' homes, addressed VFW Post 10556 in West Boca Raton at Veterans Park and attended my daughter Austen's soccer game. They won 5-0!

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