

Rand Paul is Right

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PRESS RELEASE

LOUISVILLE -- I am running for the Republican nomination for Louisville's congressional seat but I, like Dr. Rand Paul, am not a professional politician. I am a small business man and family man who is fed up with the excesses taking place in Washington.

Like many folks around the country, I became increasingly disillusioned over the past several years watching our national leaders run this country into the ground. I finally reached a tipping point in recent months when I learned that my 16-year-old son's share of the total national debt had reached more than \$180,000. This is unacceptable.

For 26 years I've been a CPA and financial advisor, and lately far too many of my clients – Democrats, Republicans and Independents – have come into my office over the past few years genuinely afraid, not just for themselves and their financial futures, but for the future of our country. This, too, is unacceptable.

I consider myself a man of strong passions and beliefs. And while every man is different, I agree with Rand Paul on the most important issues facing our country, Kentucky and the city of Louisville. I believe Rand represents the type of change that I am trying to take to Washington as well. Rand Paul is the breath of fresh air and burst of energy the Republican Party needs, a true conservative, and I believe he has the best solutions to the problems we are facing as a county.

Rand, like me, believes that Congress and the President have pushed past their Constitutional boundaries. The Constitution laid the framework for what we have rightly come to accept as a birthright – America as the most powerful and prosperous country in the world. We need to return to our foundational document before making laws that blatantly disregard it.

On a few other points, Rand and I particularly agree:

On Abortion – We are 100% pro-life, and I support adoption not abortion.

On Bailouts – I do not believe in “too big to fail.” If a private company fails, it should be allowed to fail.

On Energy Innovation – We must pursue new technology that will preserve our coal industry while exploring alternatives to fossil fuels. I support expanded exploration and expanded nuclear alternatives.

On Second Amendment Rights – I am a gun owner and, like my father and his father, am a life-long hunter. I strongly support our Second Amendment Right and will work tirelessly to defend it.

On Health Care – I would vote to overturn the recently enacted health care bill. We need to get back to where the discussion began – cost control. Our citizens cannot afford another open-ended entitlement program on top of the nearly bankrupt entitlement programs already on the books.

On Immigration – America is a nation of immigrants, but folks need to come here the right way, and follow our nation’s laws and procedures on the books. Current laws need to be strengthened; our borders must be secure. The security of our nation depends on it. I, like Rand, do not support amnesty.

On National Defense – The federal government’s number one job is national defense. This includes stronger borders. We must not bring terrorists to our soil for prosecution. I believe military tribunals are the best solution to effect justice as well as safety.

On Taxes and Debt – One of the greatest threats to our national security is the out of control spending taking place in Washington. A strong military is important for national security, but so is a strong economy. We must lower taxes across the board so that more money is in the hands of consumers and small business owners. This will encourage more investing, savings and consumption on the part of individual citizens and small businesses will be encouraged to invest in their companies and create more jobs in the process.

On Term Limits – One of the most significant problems we face is a problem of incumbency. And it’s a problem no one wants to talk about. I believe we have too many career politicians who are more concerned with keeping their seat than they are about doing what is good for their constituents and our country. I believe that an 8-year term has proven to be sufficient for a president, so a 12-year term should be sufficient for a senator and 10 years should be sufficient for a member of the House. I will pledge to abide by these limits when I am elected to the House representing Louisville.

This is by no means a complete listing of issues upon which I am in agreement with Rand Paul. But they are a good sampling of the kind of leadership we will bring to Washington, D.C.

I will be supporting Rand Paul for the U.S. Senate on May 18 and I strongly urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

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