

Dear Speaker Boehner And Chairman Ryan:

I write to you as a concerned American who fears for the future of our nation. The election of November 6 left me and tens of millions of others disappointed, not only because Obama won reelection but because he accomplished it through a campaign of thuggery, lies, distortions and vote fraud. It is inconceivable that Obama could win 100 percent of 21 voting districts in Ohio, or that the state's Wood County could have 7,000 more registered voters than there are residents of voting age, or that in West Philadelphia's Fourth Ward, Obama beat Governor Romney by a vote of 9,955 to 55. How can anyone trust election results when Republican election watchers were ejected from Philadelphia polling places by Democrat election judges? The shenanigans by the officials in Congressman Allen West's district in Florida would lead anyone to believe that the fraud there was massive. The stories of election "anomalies" seem more representative of a third world country run by a tin-pot dictator than the United States of America. There is, of course, little that will be done about the election fraud, just as no one will do anything about the illegal campaign contributions Obama collected from citizens of foreign countries. Neither the FEC nor the Department of Justice will take any action.

Despite my outrage and dejection, however, I will not give up the fight for what is right. I will continue to document the actions of the thug-in-chief in *The Obama Timeline*. I will continue to work to educate others so that they can understand the damage Obama has caused and to warn them of the destruction that lies ahead. I respectfully request that Republican members of the House of Representatives do the same. This is not the time to roll over, accept defeat, and give Obama what he wants.

Over the last few days more than a few people have wondered whether Obama will continue to blame George W. Bush for the next four years. I have no doubt that he will do so whenever he can. But the bulk of his blame will be focused on the two of you. As the Speaker of the House and the leader of the House Republicans you, Mr. Boehner, will be the main target. As Chairman of the House Budget Committee and a potential threat to the Democrats' 2016 presidential candidate you, Mr. Ryan, will be the number two target. Obama and his comrades have already taken out two outspoken critics, Congressman West and Congressman Joe Walsh, and they will stop at nothing to continue their destruction. The election may be over, but the political activities continue. What Obama does not do in broad daylight, Valerie Jarrett, David Axelrod, and their Chicago cronies will do under cover of darkness, shielded by the media.

At the forefront of the battle, of course, is the "fiscal cliff" and the expiration of the Bush tax rates. It is clear that Obama is setting up the Republicans in general and the two of you in particular. I suggest you take an offensive stance, rather than play defense. I recommend that the two of you make a joint appearance on television. Buy 10 minutes of air time on the major networks. Address the situation directly and ask the American people to take action. Consider the following script:

Speaker Boehner:

My fellow Americans, I am John Boehner, Speaker of the House of Republicans.

Chairman Ryan:

And I am Paul Ryan, Chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Speaker Boehner:

As Republicans, we were disappointed by the results of the November 6 election. But that is now in the past and we have work to do. I quickly offered to work with President Obama and Senate leaders to address the nation's fiscal problems. I said, "Mr. President, this is your moment. We're ready to be led not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans. We want you to lead not as a liberal or a conservative, but as the President of the United States of America. We want you to succeed. Let's challenge ourselves to find the common ground that has eluded us."

Chairman Ryan:

The President responded by saying, "I'm open to compromise. I'm open to new ideas. But I refuse to accept any approach that isn't balanced. I'm not gonna ask students and seniors and middle-class families to pay down the entire deficit while people like me making over \$250,000 aren't asked to pay a dime more in taxes. I'm not gonna do that." The President said he is "open to compromise," and then immediately falsely accused Republicans of wanting to cause harm to students and raise taxes on middle-class taxes. No one is suggesting any such thing. The President once again demanded that taxes be raised on small businesses and families that earn \$250,000 or more. That is not compromise. It is an ultimatum.

Speaker Boehner:

We need to restructure the tax code to make it more efficient and easier to understand. If it is done right, revenue can be increased without raising tax rates on anyone. The President seems to think he received a mandate to raise taxes. Nothing could be further from the truth. One election day exit poll question asked, "Should taxes be raised to help cut the budget deficit?"—and 63 percent responded, "No." By "cooperation" and "consensus" the President means that Republicans should give him whatever he wants. We were not elected to do that. He may have won his election—but so did the House Republicans.

Chairman Ryan:

No reasonable economist would suggest raising taxes when the economy is as weak as ours is now. Raising taxes will destroy even more jobs. We already have 23 million Americans who are unemployed or who are working part-time jobs because they cannot find full-time employment. The President's health care legislation has already caused the

loss of thousands of jobs and will force many small businesses to reduce full-time workers to part-time hours. Raising taxes will not help anyone find better jobs. We need to give businesses the confidence to expand—not a reason to shut down. Everyone needs to realize that when you raise taxes on one person it impacts someone else. If a small business has to pay more in taxes, it may make up the difference by canceling plans to buy several new trucks. Even if the business does not suffer, the people who manufacture and sell trucks will. If higher taxes cause a family to cancel plans to build a room addition for their house, it is the carpenters who suffer. A physician with a small practice may pay for his higher taxes by laying off one of his employees. If taxes are raised by \$100 billion, that leaves \$100 billion less in the private economy for job creation. And the additional tax revenue will be largely offset by the funds that must be spent for additional unemployment benefits, food stamps, and Medicaid.

Speaker Boehner:

We have two options. Republicans, Democrats, and the President can work together to reduce all unnecessary spending, extend the income tax rates for all Americans, and revise the tax code to encourage job growth. Or, as the President demands, we can raise taxes. We know where that will lead. Every extra dime we collect in taxes will be spent. It will not go toward deficit reduction. It never does. Too many people in the nation's capitol have only one talent: spending money. We cannot afford to give them any more.

Chairman Ryan:

The election was close. Virtually every incumbent was reelected. There was no mandate to raise taxes. There was only an expectation that we would work together to resolve our fiscal crisis. It can be done without raising taxes. Far more tax revenue can be generated from a reinvigorated economy than by raising taxes. Putting 10 million Americans back to work will result in all of them paying taxes, rather than collecting benefits. That is a far better alternative than taxing some Americans while destroying jobs in the process. Some believe that raising taxes is "fair." But it is certainly not fair to those who lose their jobs as a result.

Speaker Boehner:

You spoke with your votes on November 6. Now we need you to speak again. Write the President. Send a fax, a letter, or an email. Tell him not to insist on tax increases and to allow the current income tax rates to be extended for everyone. Contact your Congressman and Senators and tell them the same thing. Your message will be heard loud and clear.

Chairman Ryan:

We simply cannot raise taxes. It will further harm our already weak economy. If the President insists on holding middle-class tax rates hostage in order to raise taxes on those who earn more, that is not leadership. That is an abdication of leadership—and

will only make the economy worse. Since election day we have already seen business closings and lay-offs. We cannot afford any more. But we will see more if the tax rates are not extended. The question is not, "Can the better off afford to pay more in taxes?" The question is, "If the better off stop buying new Cadillacs, can the workers on the assembly line and the salesmen afford to lose their jobs?"

Speaker Boehner:

During the campaign, some did their best to pit some groups of Americans against other groups. But the campaign is over. It is time to do what is right for the country, not what is right for political careers. We know the right path to follow. We believe our fellow Americans do as well. Your economic future—and the nation's—now rests in your hands. Tell the President and your legislators to hold the line on taxes. Thank you.

Chairman Ryan:

Thank you.

Speaker Boehner and Chairman Ryan, I *strongly* encourage you to make a joint television appearance to address these issues. If you do not educate the American people, Obama and his Democrat comrades in the House, the Senate, and the mainstream media will most certainly blame every problem between now and the 2014 mid-term elections on you and every other Republican legislator. We cannot wait and allow Obama to have the upper hand. He will demagogue the issue as eagerly as he called Governor Romney a tax cheat, a felon, and an uncaring elitist. You and I may know that raising taxes is a terrible mistake—but *millions of Americans do not*. If they did, Obama would now be packing for Hawaii. You must make it clear to middle-class Americans that raising taxes hurts *them*, not the wealthy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

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