

AN OPEN LETTER TO STATE AUDITOR TOM SCHWEICH

March 7, 2012

Dear Tom:

Due to the current circumstances, we urge you to reconsider your intention to serve your full term as Missouri State Auditor and run for the United States Senate. This will not be an easy decision because you take your commitments seriously. However, we strongly believe that during these trying times serving the national interest trumps anything you have said regarding serving out your term as Auditor.

In the upcoming election, Americans deserve to be presented with a clear choice on the role the federal government will play in our lives as we look to the future. President Obama is ideologically committed to expanding the power and scope of government. An early sign of this appeared one week after his election when Chief of Staff-to-be Rahm Emanuel said, “A crisis is a terrible thing to waste.” Marking the first 100 days of his presidency, President Obama tried to coin a new phrase, “A New Foundation,” to describe a changed relationship between the government and the American people. It became apparent that this New Foundation was to be bigger government, and that “the change” promised in his campaign was an increase in government’s size.

The federal government now spends nearly \$4 trillion dollars per year and must borrow more than 40 percent of that amount. Our national debt now exceeds \$15 trillion dollars, which is almost 42 percent greater than when President Obama took office, and is growing at the alarming rate of approximately \$1.5 trillion dollars per year. Standard & Poor’s has already downgraded our bond rating from AAA to AA+ and has stated that “the outlook for the long term rating is negative.”

The President has submitted a budget that projects federal spending at 24 percent of GDP in the year 2020, a significant increase in dollars to be spent and a dramatic expansion of government. Expanding White House power, President Obama appointed a “pay czar” and a “car czar”, used stimulus money to support campaign donors such as Solyndra under wasteful “green energy” programs that have had no positive effect on the economy, and nationalized health care.

We are concerned that the ever-expanding role of government in the lives of Americans is squarely the issue before voters this election, but the clarity of this choice is at risk of being obscured in the coming campaign. Media outlets will focus on the “horse

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race” between candidates rather than philosophical differences between parties. President Obama will feed on resentment against successful Americans to distract from the escalating

size of government. Missing from the public discussion will be a clear debate on jump-starting the economy, putting Americans back to work, and securing our personal liberties from the intrusions of bloated government, overregulation, and job-killing tax increases.

Tom, we believe you can fill that void in the public debate about the future of our nation and that you are uniquely qualified to run for the U.S. Senate for the following reasons:

- You answered the call to serve under President George W. Bush as an Ambassador in Afghanistan.**
- You are serving as a guard dog for Missouri taxpayers, rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse as Auditor.**
- You were Chief of Staff to U.S. Ambassadors to the United Nations including Jack Danforth and John Bolton.**
- You stand up for your vision, your values, and your love for our country.**
- You will work to tackle the issues that America is confronting, including reducing our national debt, cutting the size of government, and ensuring government will once again show respect for our liberties and freedoms.**

There are no other candidates vying for the Republican nomination that can match your unique experiences and talents. There is no doubt that you are the candidate best qualified to represent Missouri in the U.S. Senate. Having you on the ticket in November will benefit all Republican candidates from top to bottom.

In the upcoming election, Senator McCaskill will rightly be seen as a rubber stamp for President Obama. She is close to the President and a supporter of his policies. Time and time again she has voted against our state, supporting massive government spending, Obamacare, and other key parts of the Obama agenda. If you run, it will be a campaign fought on principles, not personalities, and you will defeat Senator McCaskill. She has shown time and time again that she is too liberal for Missouri.

What happens in Missouri will have national implications. We are a microcosm of America. More importantly, Missouri might determine which party will control the U.S. Senate after the upcoming election. When you win an election clearly defined by the issues of government’s size and cost, it will be interpreted as a referendum and will send a message to Washington. You can help unify Republicans in opposition to liberals’ big-government policies.

Tom, you have answered the call to public service in the past, serving our country as a prosecutor, as a senior official at the State Department, as an Ambassador in Afghanistan, and most recently as our State Auditor. It is our hope you will once again answer the call to serve by announcing your candidacy for U.S. Senate.

You have extraordinary talents and work tirelessly in public service to protect us all. Public service requires a tough commitment from you and your family, but we know you will truly make a difference with your leadership and votes in the Senate.

The stakes for our nation are high, and our state must elect a Republican to the U.S. Senate. To do this, we must have our best candidate, and we believe our best choice is you.

Respectfully,

**Sam Fox
U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, 2007-2009**

**George H. Walker, III (Bert)
U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, 2003-2006**

**David C. Humphreys
CEO, TAMKO Building Products, Inc.**

**J. Neal Ethridge
Past President, 7th District Republican
Committee**

**W. Tom Fowler, Jr.
State Chairman, Missouri Republican
Party, 1986-1993**

**Carl M. Vogel
President, Jefferson City Coca-Cola
Bottling Company, Jefferson City**

Thomas R. Barr

William H. Darr

Harry J. Otto

**John C. Danforth
U.S. Senator, Missouri, 1976-1995**

**State Senator Ron Richard
District 32, Joplin**

**Robert M. Thompson
Partner, Bryan Cave LLP**

**Annie Presley
National Deputy Finance Chair,
Bush for President**

**Loren Cook II
Vice President, Loren Cook Company,
Springfield**

**Dee Wampler
Attorney and Conservative Activist**

Peter A. Goldschmidt

James V. Penn

Thomas M. Sutherland, Sr.