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### Obama's Mistatement of the Union

Plainfield, CT (1/28/10) – Libertarian Candidate for Congress Dan Reale released the following statement today –

"I always make a point of watching the [state of the union address](#) and the response. Unfortunately, it becomes more painful every year. That's not because politicians only get better at spinning poor results as positive improvement. It is painful because of the answers already before them that they want no part of. And with each passing year, establishment Democrat and Republican alike have continued on this path no matter what the cost, be it in terms of unemployment, declining wages, spiraling healthcare costs – even in light of political and credibility costs that force a weary public to change the channel every time they speak."

"As customary before such an address, pundits were talking about what the president should or should not say. It was political. It was about what is or is not a good political move. And another president delivering such an address distorting reality to suggest actual results based on more of the same was just as political. The same is true for blaming the same media pundits for playing the same, exact game."

"That's wrong when you're doing the same thing that Bush did. It's above and beyond wrong. Not a thing has changed beyond the degree of severity. Thirty long years should have told us that you don't inflate, spend and tax your way out of unemployment. That's not how you address healthcare. It's not how you address a government that debases wages to reward Wall Street's failure. It does not educate a child, defend a nation, foster energy independence, pay for college, do right by our first responders or do anything else more than it costs. And only until we get leadership that understands that there's no gain in taking from someone to give back to someone will we have any hope or change."

"This healthcare "plan" is the old system on steroids and fundamentally no different than Romneycare. It continues putting government, insurers and HMOs between doctors and patients. The authors behind this plan, namely the lobbyists and the ignorant cosponsors and supporters, know all about the actuarial malfunction of health insurance today. They know all about the lack of price discovery. They know the market isn't free or they don't care to know. I actually laid out a [healthcare plan](#) that doesn't cost money and goes a lot further to solve the problem. You don't need a Ph.D. to figure this out, and you definitely won't figure it out by having the same arsonists who set the blaze driving the fire truck."

"You also don't get to talk about ending the influence of lobbyists when you fill your administration with them. You don't get to talk about limiting contributions from lobbyists when you're the very one employing them under the public trust. And you don't get to talk about earmark reform when this exact type of arrangement is how the problem happened – that is unless you're ready to abolish earmarks. That's beyond hypocritical. It's insulting."

"When Obama said, "all of our combat troops out of Iraq by the end of August", it was a flat out lie. In 2007, this was supposed to be his first order of business. It was not. Leaving 50,000 soldiers behind is not bringing the troops home. Calling an occupation a war is a lie. Doing it in a nation whose parliament voted for us to leave is an insult."

"Obama's claims that he cut taxes and hasn't raised them is bizarre and again defies common sense well beyond what Republicans in the past had done along the same logic. What about the

spending and the borrowing? Can neither party see its own insanity on this? You can't be serious about cutting taxes and not cut spending. You don't get to talk about not shouldering future generations with debt with the same approach."

"This type of absurdity reached a new level when Obama said he hated the bank bailout and that, "It was about as popular as a root canal." It was that popular for good reason, and 300:1 phone calls against it more than stated where the people stood. He then defended it with a post hoc argument, as if there weren't enough small and medium banks and responsible credit unions to pick up the slack, institutions based on sound decisions and led by competent, honest leadership."

"Obama claimed that the economy is growing. I'd like him to tell that to the people paying attention to the Baltic Dry Index, shipping numbers and sales tax receipts. Fairy tales are for children without a care in the world. This is serious. We're adults. We need real numbers and an accurate assessment of what we're dealing with. Based on the rest of what we've heard, that hasn't come from either major party in a long time. We have no reason to believe that it will – ever."

"I can appreciate Obama's comments on a perpetual campaign about one side against the other. It's about power. We know that. Obama knows it. The Republicans know it. The Democrats know it. Neither side cares. They have employed every trick in the book to keep their agenda moving forward in their own parties when honest men seek redress within them. That's what creates the further division among our citizens and distrust Obama spoke of, and the time to unite against that is now. Unfortunately, he himself has been on a perpetual campaign about the Democratic party first and foremost. It's no different than the RINOs campaigning on the Republican party before America."

"Gov. Bob McDonnell's response was no better. He correctly stated that government is doing too much, that it shouldn't burden the middle class with more taxes, more regulation and more government. McDonnell described every major Republican act of the Bush administration in his accurate description of what the Democrats did. His party won't own up to it – and he wants to blame a Democratic Congress for all of it. Beyond his comments without a record or the political will within his party to back them up, there's no reason I have to believe he or his party will back up what he says – and you don't either."

"Obama is right on rejecting the false choice between protecting our people and upholding our values, because they are one in the same. He's right that those in public office can play it safe and avoid trouble by avoiding hard truths and pointing fingers. He's right that we are tired of the partisanship, the shouting and the pettiness. He's right that it's time Americans had a government that matches their spirit, their decency and their body of strength. But that can't happen through incentives and programs using money we don't have and the Chinese are unwilling and unable to lend us. And that won't happen with a president who's still campaigning for the White House after he won it or trying to institute a new contract on America like George Bush – and that's no different with Obama. You can also count that out in political parties where the rules deny liberty and the Constitution."

"Change and hope will happen with the Constitution. I don't just mean to talk about it. I mean to follow it. Unless we all take the oath to uphold and defend the Constitution seriously, the state of the union address will be a moment of great shame and great disappointment. We are all better than that. And Obama, like the Republicans, can agree that there's no need to "relitigate the past" because they know how their parties work and what they must do because of who their establishment serves."

"The time to get serious is now. That goes beyond merely stating that the only thing to fear is fear itself. I call for all Americans to throw it aside and forever be done with the false left/right paradigm that makes it so – to forever end the false debate between Republicans and Democrats

as if there's a true difference. We will differ, but we can all agree based on the facts what's actually going on here. And we can all agree that the facts point to a better future when the illusion is done away with for what it is, one based on liberty and the Constitution in a post partisan world."

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