

Reale Deal for Congress – For Liberty and the Constitution

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Reale Blasts “Insane” Approach of Joe Courtney Reale Asks Whether He’s a Congressman or a Salesman Funded by Treasury

Plainfield, CT (1/6/09) – Libertarian Candidate for Congress Dan Reale issued the following statement today –

“I am once again surprised at the level of absurdity exhibited by Congressman Joe Courtney – in its scope, its ignorance and the fact that it was brazenly exhibited in a newsletter from his office yesterday.”

“First, he flat out lied when he said “last year ended with a slight decrease in the unemployment rate”. You don’t have to be an economist to know that you have to count all the unemployed to determine how many actually are unemployed. Courtney and I both know that BLS official figures released to the press for consumption are woefully understated.”

“As employment continues to worsen and the economic depression continues, he asserts that his actions somehow help the economy improve. We’ve seen nothing of the sort in 2009, and without fundamentally addressing the problem, we will continue to see nothing of the sort. I can look no further for proof of that than a letter I received from his office, stating that if we didn’t pass a stimulus bill, unemployment would exceed 8%. In January 2010, here we still are.”

“I would have been delighted should this newsletter have indicated his support to end bailouts as the subsidies on failure they are. The same would be true had it indicated his political will to stop banks from lying to investors and shareholders about their assets while forcing them to eat their losses – something CEOs of small and medium banks must do every day. I wanted to hear that he was spearheading legislation free Eastern Connecticut from the grip of NAFTA, CAFTA, GATT and the World Trade Organization – or at least the insane tax code that the U.S. economy spends \$300 billion every year just to comply with.”

“I heard none of the above. All of the above must come first if the economy is to recover. And before Courtney tries to paint rust like it’s gold on Election Day, let’s make it clear that it’s not a recovery if it’s jobless. Before I proceed to what Courtney is doing, his job is to make the changes above. If he won’t take on the lobbyists to do it, and the Republicans continue to fail to exhibit the will to make it happen, that’s where I come in.”

“And before I continue, remember this. Make an important note of it. Connecticut has not had a single net increase in jobs since 1989. It’s because Connecticut is being looted. Not a single Congressman from our district spoke up on our behalf in decades, admitted that the bacon he brought back paled in comparison to its cost and stopped it.”

“Our local businesses are being crushed by this failure – and not for want of a salesman. Instead of freeing our local businesses from decades of confused trade agreements and oppressive tax policies, Courtney has decided to be a salesman. He tried to sell milk to Europe that it didn’t want – during a milk riot. He has stood behind agricultural policies that pay farmers to destroy or not produce, which punishes efficiency and has contributed to a situation where record numbers now turn to the state for food assistance. That’s hardly a new course for the dairy industry as he calls it – let alone for Eastern Connecticut or anyone else.”

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“Courtney is right that little has been done to effectively advocate on the local industry's behalf in Washington. And it's written all over his record in light of our tax and trade policies. The insurance cartel wanted protection money under threat of government force – and they got it in the healthcare bill. Goldman Sachs wanted to create yet another bubble based on nothing, and they got it with Courtney's vote for cap and scam. Instead of addressing the fraudulent nature of liar loans, he supported a tax credit to subsidize the fallout from this fraud.”

“Courtney may have done quite a job helping dairy farmers, but he did it with your money and at the direct expense of time dealing with the issues that caused our economic crisis. That \$290 million won't benefit the vast majority of his constituents in any way – unless you consider paying more for milk than gasoline a benefit.”

“Add this glorified campaign mailing subsidized by public funds to a never ending series of confused statements, broken promises to end the war in Iraq and efforts to reinforce the problems that caused our economic collapse. And we can agree or disagree on whether Bush should have been impeached, but his statements that it was too close to a presidential election spoke volumes that his party was more important than accountability. With Obama engaging in the same questionable activities, it's clear that Courtney has to go.”

“Don't hold your breath on the Republicans fixing anything. They've had their chance with Reagan, the Contract on America and George Bush. They have no plans to repeal the mess Joe Courtney, Rob Simmons, Sam Gejdenson and Chris Dodd created and enabled.”

“Courtney's style and approach aren't unique. They're bipartisan and widespread.”

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