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Dear Friend,

Polls taken in late 2006 found that, for the first time in U.S. history, a majority of Americans believed their children would be worse off than they are. How could that be? Optimism—faith in the future—has always been the defining American characteristic.

At the same time, most people maintained a clear idea about what constituted the American dream—a good job, a home, health care, a good education for their kids, and a secure retirement. But they saw that dream slipping away. Has that dream really become too much to ask for? Hardly—especially in the richest country in the world.

That pessimistic outlook is not the result of acts of God or nature, however. A gloomy view of the future is the consequence of man-made decisions, poor choices, and wrong priorities. In a great democracy like ours, other choices can be made—and, as a result of the 2006 elections, they will.

I begin this year filled with hope and optimism, believing that the best is yet to come! The new leadership of the 110th Congress, of which I am proud to be a part, has outlined a new direction for America including:

Real Security at Home and Overseas: Reclaiming American leadership with a tough, smart plan to transform failed policies in Iraq and around the world. I will be working to redeploy our soldiers out of Iraq and to activate political and diplomatic international strategies to bring security and peace to the region. We must implement the bipartisan 9/11 Commission proposals for homeland security; fully support our National Guard, police, firefighters and other first responders; and honor our commitment to our veterans.

Better American Jobs - Better Pay: Prohibit any additional Congressional pay raise until the minimum wage is raised and end tax giveaways that reward companies for moving American jobs overseas.

College Access for All: Make college tuition deductible from taxes; cut student loan interest rates, and expand Pell Grants.

Energy Independence: Freeing America from dependence on foreign oil will make us more secure, address global warming, and create jobs through initiatives for energy-efficient technologies and domestic alternatives such as biofuels. We will end tax giveaways to Big Oil companies and stop price gouging.

Affordable Health Care and Stem Cell Research: The ultimate goal is universal access to health care, but we will begin by fixing the Medicare prescription drug program by requiring that Medicare negotiate for lower prices, putting people above drug and insurance companies. Stem cell research offers real hope to millions of American families and deserves far more federal support.

Retirement Security and Dignity: Stop any plan to privatize Social Security, in whole or in part, and enact real pension reform to protect employees' financial security from CEO corruption and mismanagement, including abuse of the bankruptcy laws to avoid pension responsibilities.

Election Integrity: This Congress will work to pass laws to ensure a paper trail and an election process that can be audited, making sure that every vote is properly counted.

As we flesh out the agenda for the 110th Congress, I encourage you to communicate your ideas and priorities and help us craft laws that best serve our district and our country.

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	Respondent One		Respondent Two	
1. Would you support a U.S. military strike to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
2. Do you support affirmative action based on gender and race?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
3. Do you support increased funding to build a fence on the U.S./ Mexico border?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
4. Do you believe all workers should receive paid sick leave?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
5. Should companies that commit to creating and keeping good jobs in the U.S. receive tax and contracting benefits for doing so?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
6. Should detainees currently being held at Guantanamo Bay by the Bush Administration be allowed to challenge their detention in a court of law?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
7. Do you support proposals like the Murtha resolution to begin immediate redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
8. Do you support rolling back tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and using the revenues to fund public education, student loans, and Pell Grants?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
9. Do you support the U.S. Coast Guard's proposed plan to conduct live fire training exercises on the Great Lakes, including Lake Michigan?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
10. Would you support a requirement for an independent audit mechanism—including a verifiable paper record—for all voting machines?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
11. In response to concerns about global warming, do you support proposals to cap emissions, require enhanced fuel economy standards for automobiles and increase U.S. investment in alternative and renewable energy technologies?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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