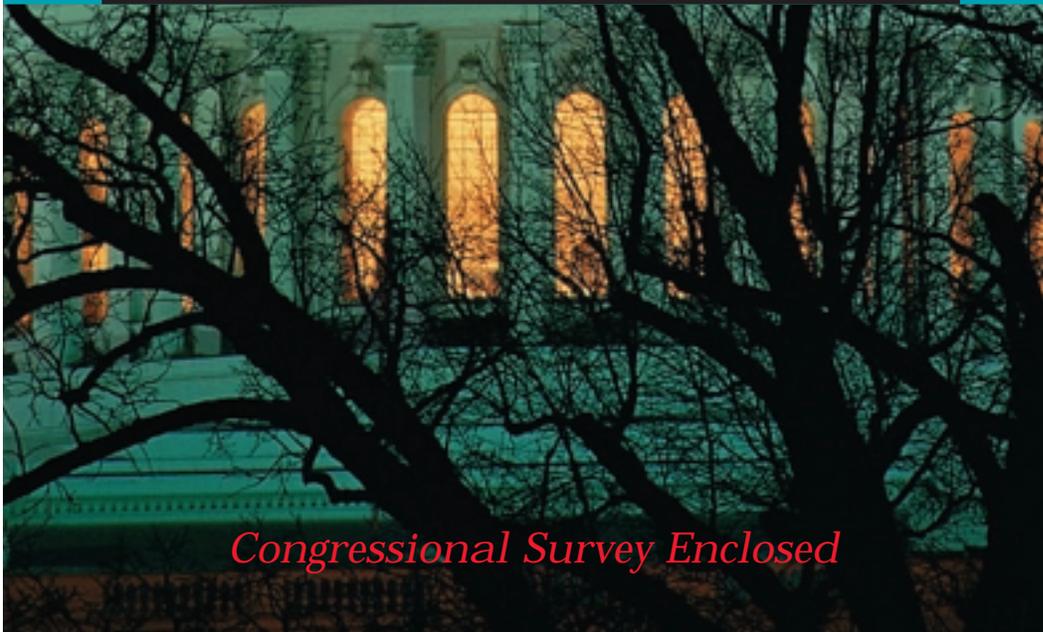




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Dear Friend,

**Today it is more important than ever for leaders to re-establish trust in our most fundamental American institutions.** September 11 created a sense of vulnerability never before experienced by most Americans. This feeling of instability has been heightened by the revelations of wrongdoing at the highest levels of corporate America. Employees, retirees, and investors are fearful; and the performance of our economy is reflecting the uncertainty of everyday Americans.

The mantra in Washington under the current Administration has been that government should be run like a business—should be more like the private sector. **There has been an explicit effort to "free" business from regulations.** The Administration rolled back regulations that protect injured workers, that require environmental polluters to pay for cleanups, and that enforce clean-air standards for power plants. They want to drill in the Arctic wilderness and oppose efforts to limit auto emissions. The Administration is supporting a prescription drug plan endorsed by the pharmaceutical manufacturers and is refusing to hold HMOs accountable for denying needed treatment.

At a time when the United States is calling upon the nations of the world to participate in an anti-terrorism coalition, the United States is also refusing to join them in signing the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, the Biological and Chemical Weapons Treaty, the anti-landmine agreement, the Small Arms treaty, and the Convention to End Discrimination Against Women. The U.S. discarded the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with Russia. **I find the Administration's policies to be counter-productive in a dangerous world that is getting smaller every day.**

The Federal Government can be a powerful force in restoring confidence and optimism in the American people, but only if we are willing to demonstrate in deeds and not just words that we are on your side. The Congress must recognize that "Homeland Security" means not only protection from terrorists, but economic security as well. **We must put the needs of the elderly and disabled struggling to buy medicine ahead of tax breaks for the wealthiest.** We must guarantee our

children a quality education, address the lack of affordable health care and housing for families, and work for retirement security by protecting pensions, 401K plans and Social Security.

The Federal budget has gone from record surpluses to deficits in one year, and we are told that there is just not enough money to address the needs of millions of Americans. **There is plenty of money! It is simply this Administration's priorities that are bankrupt.** Tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans have forced us to dip into the Social Security Trust Fund to pay our bills and protect our country. It is unpatriotic to give tax breaks for the rich and leave little for the rest. My "First Things First" legislation, HR2999, would put our priorities in order by delaying tax cuts for the wealthy until we meet critical needs.

**We cannot restore confidence and a sense of security by eroding civil liberties.** The "War on Terrorism" has been used as an excuse to invade the privacy of law-abiding Americans; detain legal immigrants indefinitely without due process of law; spy on churches, synagogues and mosques; withhold public information; and more. As a member of the committee that is constructing the new Department of Homeland Security, I have introduced proposals to apply the Freedom of Information Act and protection for whistleblowers to the new department. Our precious civil liberties are what make America the unique and great country that it is.

These challenging times require all of us, particularly your elected officials, to reach for the highest standards of resolve, integrity, and strength. **We have the resources, talent and intelligence to make our country and our world both safer and more just.** We can achieve those goals.



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	Respondent One		Respondent Two	
Do you support delaying the tax cut for the wealthiest Americans in order to provide funding for a prescription drug benefit for seniors, education, and other critical needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you believe the Administration is committed to increasing corporate accountability and is aggressively prosecuting corporate fraud?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are you concerned that laws passed by Congress following September 11 have gone too far in compromising civil liberties?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you support President Bush's decision to pull out of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty and to spend \$8 billion this year to build a national missile defense?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Should the United States ratify the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty to curtail global warming?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Studies show that quality of care in nursing homes improves when there is an adequate number of qualified professionals on staff. Should the federal government require nursing homes to meet minimum staffing standards even if that increases costs by up to 10 percent?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you support a Federal law protecting gays, lesbians, transgenders, and bisexuals from job discrimination?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you support current federal law that bans military women from using their own money to receive an abortion in a U.S. military hospital abroad?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
If you have ever requested assistance from my office, were you satisfied with the service you received?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

## YOUR COMMENTS :




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