

EDITOR'S NOTE: [REDACTED] immigrant from Greece as a teenager, is a prominent American patriot and philanthropist. She holds an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Christopher Newport College. She was the sponsor, christener, and honoree at the commissioning of, the guided missile cruiser U.S.S. Yorktown. The Valley Forge Foundation named Mrs. [REDACTED] winner of its George Washington award.

At the 200th anniversary celebration in 1981 on the battlefields of the Yorktown victory that won the American Revolution, the White House seated [REDACTED] beside President Ronald Reagan and President Mitterand of France.

In 1992 the American Hellenic society AHEPA named her first female winner of its Socrates award. Last year local, state and national groups joined on "[REDACTED] Day" to award her 22 engraved plaques in thanks for her philanthropies.

Since [REDACTED] and her late husband [REDACTED] founded [REDACTED] at Yorktown VA in 1944, the restaurant has grown in size from 35 to 435 seats. [REDACTED] still is owner and stand-up cashier, full time, every day. On this Labor Day weekend she offers members of Congress her thoughts, from a long and fruitful working life, on America's problems.

-- [REDACTED] Editor emeritus
Yorktown VA

DEAR C-SPAN:

[REDACTED] (SEE ATTACHED LETTER BEING SENT TO EACH CONGRESSMAN AND SENATOR) HAS BECOME A C-SPAN JUNKIE. SHE ASKED ME TO DROP A COPY OF THIS OFF TO YOU, FOR POSSIBLE USE IN A RELATED C-SPAN DISCUSSION. (SHE'D PROBABLY COME TO WASHINGTON HERSELF TO TAKE PART IN A DISCUSSION IF ASKED, TOO.) SHE'S A WONDERFULLY EXPRESSIVE, OPINIONATED WOMAN, MAKES SUCH AN IMPRESSION THAT ~~THE~~ U.S. IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION USES HER AT CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES EVERY TIME THEY CAN.

— [REDACTED]
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Dear Member of Congress:

Through all these days and years I watch politicians and civilians and newspapers, and they speak beautiful to the ear. But never does anybody mention that the people are to work. They mention everything but work. We forget that the good medicine of the people is the work.

I came to the United States in the Great Depression. No money, no work, no food, and no crime. *No crime*. We had the doors open, the windows open, and nothing happens, even in the poorest neighborhood in Brooklyn where I lived.

Now, the people have the money, have the universities, everything, and we have the worst crime since God created the people. We have guns, we have alarm systems, locks in the doors, chains, and the crime gets worse every day.

I don't blame the people. The people were the same then and the same today. I blame some of the politicians voted to Washington to represent the truth, but they ignore the people and the truth. Something is wrong in Washington. The truth carry you far; the lie carry you a short while and drop you in the mud and you vanish from the face of the earth.

In Washington, with all your efforts you fail to talk the truth. The truth is work. Don't have the people as parasites, 18 and 20 years old, healthy, they make two children and then run away from responsibility!

On health care, in my opinion, help the sick, the old aged, and the children. Do not take the responsibility of the others, because people without responsibilities, they become worthless. Worthless to themselves, to their parents, to their country, and to the society as a whole.

Somebody was drowning in the water, and prayed to the goddess Athena to save him. Athena answered him and said, "I will help you, but you move your hands too. To reach the shore you have to help yourself, too."

God give you the wisdom to take care of the people you are responsible for. Help to save the people and this blessed land. Save the families, save the home. The home makes the family and the family makes strong nation.

Yours truly,

Yorktown VA 23690