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To: THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Jackals snapping at the heels of a beleaguered prey grow bolder if the intended victim appears to falter. So the detractors, denigrators, defamers, and do-nothing obstructionists wax more strident in their clamor that our new administration is a "failed presidency." How gullible are we, the people, expected to be? Who has failed? Those who push to continue the discredited dog-eat-dog, grab and greed, every man for himself and devil take the hindmost carryings-on of the past? Or a new man for a new day of caring for those who need care, sharing the burdens and responsibilities of defending our constitution and creed of "liberty and justice for all"? The purveyors of privilege for the chosen few? Or those who point with pride to the accomplishments of our great presidents, regardless of party? Those who have voted their conscience and supported the president in his effort to establish a fair tax system? Or those who have boasted with malice aforethought of their intention and ability to deny the American people the change they voted for, and re-establish the same old beltway mentality, out of touch with the common man, in their cocoon of power and undue privilege?

The viewers-with-alarm unceasingly attempt to convince us that a haircut, seven dismissed employees of the White House Travel Office, the administration's failure to gut Medicare, Social Security, and contributory government pensions, and the planned attempt to provide health care for all in the United States will bring down the republic, unless, of course, the brave and patriotic opposition party can preserve the status quo of rich get richer, poor get poorer, and only the working class pays a fair share of taxes.

All hail to glorious gridlock!

The segment of we the people in which we live and move and have our being is unanimous in approval of the travel agency firings. Are not they the people who chartered private planes or commandeered government aircraft to carry Mr. Sununu on his weekends? ...Mr. Quayle to his golf games and other rendezvous? ...Mr. Bush and his cronies to boating weekends or interminable golf games? ...Ollie North to his speaking engagements or various trysts in the Southern Hemisphere?

All hail to the endless deep pockets of the taxpayer!

Spend it joyously — but of course not for anything helpful to those tiresome, ordinary working stiffs who toil to pay the freight for the glittering guzzlers at the public trough!

As for that glorious accomplishment of shooting down the administration's economic stimulus and jobs bill, rest assured we shall earnestly pray that the dismissed defense workers, the idle construction, highway and bridge workers who counted on those jobs, idle factory workers who desperately hoped to obtain something to hold them over until retraining for new businesses comes on line, and the millions of others who have searched in vain for any kind of job — all will remember this constructive, deeply caring, patriotic and good faith action, and respond accordingly at the polls. Certainly such a glorious accomplishment should be appropriately remembered!

As for those of you who have pursued your own agendas to the detriment of the people and efforts made to help them, we shall also earnestly pray that the forgotten ones will remember, and that after the next election you will indeed be free to pursue your own agendas without constraint by the interests of we, the people.

Despite the opposition's trumpeted, shivering horror of taxes, we the people continue to feel that the biblical injunction of "to whom much is given, of him much shall be required" applies, even to tax fairness. We pay our share. Does not every worker's paycheck reflect a tax deduction? Is the same true of every dividend, investment or PAC check? If not, why not?

Enjoy! We shall be thinking and speaking of you — often!

Sincerely,

P.S. How many of you have reduced D.C. staff and pay by at least 50%? Abolished home district taxpayer-paid staff in its entirety? How many have returned all but \$100,000 or less of taxpayer money for staff and other expenses? If not, when do you plan to do so?

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