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Open Letter to Tea Party Patriots across California

We wish express our sincere thanks to all who have actively participated in or supported the tea party movement. The emergence and persistence of this historical movement continues to defy and confound all entrenched and conventional political powers; thank God. In the wake of the resounding success of the 9-12 march on Washington DC, which saw the largest political gathering in our nation's history, our momentum and fervor is stronger than ever. The overwhelming sentiment now among all tea partiers across the nation is "let's keep the pressure on!", and "let's do something big!" Well, here is our chance....

The Initiative

In California, the Tea Party Patriots have launched the ***Citizen Power Campaign***, aimed at changing politics in California forever by qualifying an initiative - your initiative - for the November, 2010 State ballot. This initiative will take California back from the huge financial influence of partisan public employee unions.

Today, the government takes money from public employees, and directly transfer it to the unions who then turn around and contribute that money directly to politicians and political causes. No other group can utilize the power of the state to collect dues which are used for political contributions. This egregious abuse of power is bankrupting our state, and creates a "rigged game" where average citizens no longer have a voice.

The successful passage of this initiative will force the unions to obtain political funding in the same way everyone else does: ***make your case, and convince people to write a check!***

Perfect Timing

There are several key reasons why now is the perfect time for us to rally together to pass this critical initiative:

- The state of the economy
- Widespread populist outrage over the expansion of government, much of which is already being blamed on the public employee unions
- The recent Supreme Court decision upholding Idaho's ability to ban the government from automatically collecting dues from public employee unions for political purposes

- And, of course, the power of each of you, leading the tea party movement across the state

Our Strategy

Our strategy is simple - we will be the grassroots army who will qualify this initiative for November 2010. We'll use everything we've learned, apply our collective wisdom and gather the signatures needed to qualify the initiative. Once qualified, we'll use a grassroots, web-based public education campaign and vote-drive. This is political speak for, "we'll keep doing what we've all been doing, only we'll do even more of it and we'll do it better." Just our sheer numbers and wide variety of efforts will force the unions to spend tens of millions of dollars to fight it. It's a classic battle of the underdog. But we crushed them in the battle on Proposition 1A, and with your leadership, we intend to do it again.

This is going to be a long, hard fight. We will need to collect 1.1 million signatures. This is not single rally, but more like a marathon, and we will need the sustained commitment and energies of all Tea Party Patriots to take back our state. We'll have to be more organized, more committed and more efficient than ever.

We'll need the genius that comes out of every local tea party to be channeled into a statewide effort and all resources shared so that we can work effectively as a team.

As usual, there will be very little top-down control. Our job is to help coordinate and support those in the field, doing the day to day work of the tea parties. As always, the best ideas and strategies will come from the field. The people to execute on those ideas will come from your ranks. It's up to you to make this happen.

We have enlisted the support of the conservative Lincoln Club of Orange County, many of whom are Tea Party Patriot members. The Lincoln Club not only has great experience in successful political activism, they have also committed \$100,000 to kick off this effort. Tea Party Patriot and Lincoln Club members Robert Loewen and Mark Bucher, who authored and helped qualify past initiatives, are helping us lead this critical political effort. By combining their experience with our own, we will surely alter California's political future.

In our opinion, there is no more important issue in the state than this right now. Before we can accomplish our main goal of restoring fiscal sanity to our state government, we have to level the political playing field. Once we are successful here in California, we will duplicate this campaign in every other state in America that permits the ballot initiative process. In this way we will begin to return the power to the citizens of California, and the entire nation.

An Invitation

We welcome all tea party groups, 9/12 groups, and other like minded organizations. Together we can return California to the days when it was truly the "Golden State."

If you're not already involved in the effort, please let us know if you would like more details, to schedule a meeting or phone call with either of us, or to find how you and your local tea party or organization can get involved.

It's time to Unplug the Political Machine.

Sincerely,

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