



Chairman's Message

Fellow Republicans:

It is hard to believe, but election season is upon us again. It seems like just yesterday that we gathered together to watch the election results. Although some of our friends lost, it was a good election for Republicans in Deschutes County.

- John McCain won Deschutes County in spite of the worst economic conditions in 40 years.
- Three great Republicans were elected to the Bend City Council.
- Chris Telfer returned the State Senate seat to the Republicans.
- Gene Whisnant was re-elected by a large majority.
- As a Party, we raised more money for Republican candidates than ever before.

Going into 2010, the wind is at our back. Unless we choose to fight amongst ourselves, rather than with the opposition, we have an opportunity to meet several goals:

- Reclaim the Bend State Representative seat and kick Judy "I Never Saw a Tax I Didn't Like" Stiegler out of Salem.
- Complete the work of electing a fiscally conservative Bend City Council.
- Elect Republicans to **ALL** seats in Deschutes County.
- Fill all Precinct Committee Person (PCP) positions in Deschutes County.
- Repeal the **Job Killing Tax Increases** passed by the last Democrat legislature.

This is the time for us to become focused on meeting these goals. We must use our energy to elect conservative Republicans. While it is true we will not agree with every candidate on every issue we all agree on our main tenets:

- Limited government.
- Reduced government spending.
- A belief that we as individuals can make better decisions for ourselves and our families than the government.

I remain motivated and ready to pursue the important tasks ahead and look forward to working with all of you as we turn our goals into reality.

– Troy

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Tuesday, November 17

DCRP Executive Board Meeting – 5:30 pm

~ All PCPs are welcome to attend ~

DRCP Full Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm

Location: Patrick Corporation

1199 NE Hemlock Ave

Redmond, Oregon

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

No Central Committee Meeting

Merry Christmas!



Veterans Views

By Bob Lecklider – World War II

My service began at Camp McCall in North Carolina as a member of the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team. After completing our training, we were shipped to Naples. At the time I was a Tech Sergeant and the medic for “A” Company. From Naples we were sent to Civitavecchia to support the allied invasion. I was wounded at the end of this campaign and was sent to the field hospital in Rome.

In August of 1944, the 517th made our only combat jump, behind German lines in Southern France to support the invasion. We fought for 94 days across southern France and west to Sospel. We were then loaded on trucks and sent to Belgium. It was the middle of winter with snow on the ground. We had no winter gear. Frozen feet were a big problem. We stayed on the line during the Battle of the Bulge for 72 days and fought all the way through the Ardennes Forest to the German border. We took many casualties. Since I had three Purple Hearts and a couple of other medals, I had enough points to come home instead of going on to Germany or the Pacific.

The Belgian people were truly grateful to the Americans and British for their liberation. Liberation Day is celebrated annually on May 8th. Every little village has a monument where on that day, a wreath is placed to honor the American and British Airborne.

For me and my family, the GI bill after World War II was an immense help. We would like to see a faster, more efficient way to get appointments at the V.A. hospital in Portland. Once there, the treatment and care have been first class and very satisfying.

Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star (2), Three Purple Hearts

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2009 Tax Referendum to the Polls

Oregonians Against Job Killing Tax

Increases is now working on the ballot title for the upcoming election. A special election will be held on **January 26th**. It will be up to you and me to make sure these tax increases are stopped at the poll. The deadline for voter registration is **January 5th**.

Please make sure you, your family, and friends are registered to vote!



Business Corner

Bob Eberhard

I would like to talk with you about the importance of small business. Our government defines small business as under 100 employees and small businesses in Central Oregon average three employees. Do you know how many jobs have been created by the Fortune 500 companies in the last 15 years? Zero. That’s right. Due to down-sizing and outsourcing, their number is zero. Small businesses have accounted for all of the job growth and now provide over 50% of the total jobs in the United States.

I am confident our Federal Government is aware of the previous statistics. So how did they use this information for the Federal Stimulus Program? 99% of the money has gone to big business and about 1% to small businesses. It is no wonder we ask, “What is going on in Washington D.C.?” How can our leaders be so out of touch with the people that produce the majority of goods and services in our country? A simple tax credit for small businesses would have had an immediate and positive effect and kept the Federal Government from spending hundreds of millions of dollars.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture sends us an announcement around the 23rd of each month telling us what we will pay for raw milk the next month. This has been going on since 1933 when the policy was instituted by F.D.R. The fear was that we could have a national shortage of milk - so regulations were put in place. The last major change in the formula was made in 1965. The U.S.D.A. with two Blue Ribbon committees in the last seven years have been unable to make the changes to fix this broken system, so we continue with wide swings in the price of raw milk. This is not good for the dairy farmer, the dairy processor, or the consumer. My father used to say “you can strain everything out of the milk except the politics.”

Let’s talk about our local economy. The single most important thing all of us can do is to support and buy everything we can from locally owned businesses in Deschutes County and Central Oregon. This would give an immediate boost to our local economy and the boost would continue month after month, year after year. This in turn would make additional profits (remember profit is not a bad word in a capitalistic society) for our business people and help to pay their taxes.

We all know about Workers Comp. Insurance, Social Security, Medicare, increased state vehicle licenses, fuel tax increases, city licenses, unemployment taxes, and a second unemployment tax which was implemented in 2000. All successful businesses in Oregon began paying money into a special fund that takes over when a business fails and the final payroll for that failed business is paid by this special fund. Who thought up this one? Our 2007 State Legislature wanted to fund the famous “Rainy Day” fund. Did they use money from the current budget? Oh, no. they used every penny, and then some, and funded this from the business side of the “Kicker Tax.” They knew they couldn’t take it away from the citizen taxpayers of Oregon, so they picked on the business owners. Ever hear of a golden goose – well it could become extinct.

As a state, we need to put a cap on state expenditures. One simple way – take every resident, multiply them by some set amount, and tell our legislature, “That’s it, this is what they owe, no more money or taxes. Run Oregon like a business and cut out duplication and waste.” Let’s all work together to make Central Oregon the best that it can be.

Bob Eberhard graduated from Redmond High School in 1953, attended C.O.C.C. and went on to graduate from Oregon State University in 1958. He married his college sweetheart Kaye and they have two children and three grandchildren. He has been in the family business since 1964.

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Hat Tip to...

Name: Nancy Lecklider

Spouse: Bob

Children: Barbara – 54, Brad – 52

Grandchildren: Caiti – 18, Megan – 22, Brodie – 25

Favorite politician: Barry Goldwater was my hero, long before Ronald Reagan appeared upon the scene, and in fact, the first time I voted it was for Goldwater when I lived in Arizona. Then along came, Ronald Reagan, so I have two favorite political heroes.

Favorite Quote or Saying: I have a couple, but the one that is fit to print is, " You can't fall off the floor." This comes from many ups and downs in my life.

Why You're a Republican: Why are any of us Republicans? We believe that the least amount of government is the best government. We want to make our own decisions and our own mistakes.

When you Became a Republican: 1951. Now everyone knows how old I am, still alive and kicking and, hopefully, not, what's the word—senile.

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Ronald Reagan Tribute Celebration Gala

The DCRP is one of several key sponsors of a Reagan Tribute fund raising event to be held in the spring of 2010. We are planning this dinner and auction in lieu of a Lincoln Day dinner. Lincoln was a great Republican President who deserves to be honored and we will continue to do so. However, most people today share some connection with Reagan.

Many voted for him twice and he is one of our most beloved Presidents.

Today more than ever, all generations need to understand the greatness of Reagan and his policies of limited government and more individual freedom. The Reagan Event Committee is meeting regularly to secure a recognizable name to headline our event and plan the details to ensure success. Many thanks to those already participating. If you would like to be part of this effort please contact:

Tim Knopp/Event Chair
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Government exists to protect us from each other.

Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves.

Ronald Reagan



Patriots Sound Off By Brent Newman



– The Lighting Czar

Hello fellow patriots, what a month it has been! If your life is anything like mine, you've spent countless hours struggling to figure out where to best spend your share of the stimulus dollars. Should I expand my business? Hire new workers? Invest in equipment or technologies? Seriously though, this whole stimulus mess is a clear, simple example of how big government doesn't work.

Someone in Washington D.C., no matter how well educated, simply cannot hope to grasp the intricacies of a place like Deschutes County. What is the big government solution to job creation? Road construction! Let's repave every freeway, highway, and road we can find. The problem with road construction is when it's done, the paychecks stop and it's over; just as if it had never happened. Thus, the "stimulation" is very short lived.

Look at the money being proposed to reform healthcare. It seems so simple. If the government allowed insurance to be purchased out of state, pursued tort reform, and addressed pre-existing conditions, the free market system would finish the job. The government would look like heroes and we wouldn't be dealing with this whole mess.

Here's a thoughtful take on the medical situation that was posted on Facebook by a friend of mine:

"Let's review the new health care plan.... It is written by a committee whose chairman says he doesn't understand it, passed by a Congress that hasn't read it, signed by a president who smokes, funded by a Treasury Secretary who does not pay his taxes, overseen by a Surgeon General who is obese, and financed by a country that is nearly broke. What could possibly go wrong?"

As we look to the next elections, we've got to take control of our lives again by electing true fiscal conservatives to represent us. It is nothing short of terrifying, the reckless new policies that are being written and how the future of every American is being mortgaged.

On a positive note, I think instead of being completely discouraged by the current administration we should perhaps rejoice. Because their leadership is so comically terrible, a re-birth of the conservative movement has begun. Providing we only elect people that will stick to fiscally conservative principles, we will emerge smarter and stronger than ever before. I can hardly wait for 2010!

Thoughts On Veterans Day

It is the SOLDIER, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the SOLDIER, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the SOLDIER, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the SOLDIER, who salutes the flag, who serves the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.



General Douglas MacArthur

A Message to Republicans from the Ayn Rand Center for Individual Rights

This is the edited text of a speech given by Yaron Brook, executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute. Please note that this transcript retains the informal nature of an extemporaneous speech.

Good evening. The root of America's greatness is summed up in the Declaration of Independence. That document names as the only proper purpose of government the protection of individual rights. The protection of our inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

That document ensures our right to be left alone, our right to do what we think is the best for our lives, to pursue our happiness in the way we judge best. We have the right to start whatever business we want, and to keep the rewards if we succeed. And if we fail, no one has a duty to help us or to bail us out. No one has the right to take from those who've succeeded and give to those who haven't.

Individual rights are about you running your own life, not the state.

But the freedom established by the Declaration is eroding. And the blame does not only rest with the Democrats. It rests with Republicans.

Democrats have never stood for individual rights. Democrats have always stood for big government. Democrats have always wanted to redistribute our wealth, to limit our freedom, to tell us how to live our lives.

Republicans, on the other hand, supposedly stood for capitalism and individual rights. But their record defies it. I don't mean the Republican record over the last eight years but over the last one hundred.

Over that time, Republicans have moved left dramatically. They have accepted the fundamental moral premises of the left. They have accepted the idea that we are our brother's keeper, that redistribution of wealth is moral, that the profit motive is evil, that capitalism needs to be controlled, that business needs to be regulated, and that businessmen should feel guilty about their wealth. How else can you explain the fact that Sarbanes-Oxley, the most vicious, anti-capitalist regulatory "reform" in decades, passed the Senate 97 to zero, without one Republican vote against it? How else can you explain the fact that it was signed into law by George W. Bush – a Republican president?

50 years ago, it used to be that Republicans promised to roll back FDR's New Deal, to eliminate Social Security, and re-establish a truly limited government. 25 years ago, Republicans had made their peace with the New Deal, but they promised to roll back the Great Society of Lyndon Johnson. Today's Republicans passed the prescription drug benefits bill, the greatest increase in welfare since LBJ, and would not dare propose abolishing a single government program or agency.

Now the Republicans have joined the Democrats in declaring that today's crisis is a failure of capitalism. But don't tell us capitalism has failed! What caused today's crisis was the Federal Reserve, and Freddie and Fannie, and the Community Reinvestment Act, and dozens and dozens of other regulations placed on the mortgage business, the housing business, and the banking business. What failed was the regulatory state—the *unfree* market, not capitalism.

Yet, there *is* hope. The fact these tea parties exist shows that many people, including many Republicans, are starting to oppose the growth in government control. But there's still a long way to go. We need to recapture the spirit of 1776, and the principle of individual rights. We need to understand what capitalism really means and why it is good.

Our Founding Fathers were incredibly courageous men, who embraced the concept of separation of church and state at a time when such an idea was unheard of. That concept is a crucial cornerstone of liberty, and I think we need to reassert that concept. But we need to add another "separation" to the list. We need a separation, not only of church and state, we need a separation of *state and economy*, an idea that is as revolutionary today as the separation of church and state was in the 18th century.

I believe the government has no role in our economic life. It has no right to tell us what kind of products we should sell, how many hours we're allowed to work, how much we have to pay our employees—or our executives. I believe there should be no Social Security, no Medicare, and no public education.

What Republicans need to be advocating is not trimming the size of government, not tinkering, not tweaking, not making it a little bit smaller. The government today is ten times as large as a percent of the GDP as it was a hundred years ago, when we became the greatest nation in history. We could shrink the government by 80% and we would not just survive, we would thrive.

Imagine the effects. Imagine what returning that tax money to you would make possible: the new jobs, the new products, the new businesses, the new industries. Imagine if the government left individuals free to pursue their ideals, their dreams, their happiness. Imagine what would happen if we restored this country's entrepreneurial spirit. Imagine the happiness and prosperity it would generate.

So we need to advocate cutting taxes, but more than that, we need to advocate cutting spending. We need to advocate, not simply de-regulation, which by the way was really re-regulation. We need to advocate cutting and eliminating regulations. We need to advocate the total, complete, uncompromising separation of state and economics.

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Now a word to the businessmen in the audience. You are constantly made to feel guilty for the wealth you have created. Let me tell you, you should be *proud* of that wealth. You earned it. How? Not by taking something from the community, which you must now “give back.” But by producing wealth and trading with others, value for value, where everybody benefits, where it’s win-win. You should be proud of the business you’ve created, the products you sell, and the customers you have. You should be proud that you took responsibility for your own life, instead of becoming dependent on others. If you’ve read *Atlas Shrugged*, you know that it is the only novel in history to present businessmen as heroes. Businessmen are the heroes of American society and they should be treated as such.

Now you may be thinking: this is a radical view. And it’s true: when it comes to liberty, when it comes to individual rights, when it comes to capitalism, we will need to be radical. But let me remind you of some other radicals: the Founders of this country.

These were men who stood up when it counted. Remember Patrick Henry’s famous words: “Give me liberty or give me death.” He didn’t say just give me a *little* bit of liberty. He didn’t say “please lower my taxes a *little* bit.” He didn’t say “I want the king in my business some of the time, but the rest of the time, leave me alone.” He said give me freedom or I am willing to fight to the death for it.

He was joined in that sentiment by the rest of our Founding Fathers, who took on the mightiest military empire known to man to that point. They put their lives, their property, and their sacred honor on the line. And they did it because they believed that Americans have an inalienable right to their own life, to their own liberty, to their own property, and the inalienable right to pursue their own happiness. This was a principle they refused to compromise. It’s a principle they put their lives at stake to defend. Can we ask any less of ourselves?

Thankfully, the battle we face today is not one waged by cannons and muskets—it is a battle of ideas. **And in this kind of battle, it is the most consistent, most unwavering, most uncompromising side that will win.** Either those who most consistently hold today’s view, that the government exists to run our lives—or those who hold the opposite view: that the government’s function should be limited solely to protecting our rights from violation by force, and otherwise leave us free.

Republicans will need to commit to a new path. I ask you to commit yourself to individual rights, to individual liberty, to laissez-faire capitalism. Join me in an uncompromising, unwavering defense of the principles on which this country was founded.

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**Rep. Walden: Full Recovery from H1N1
Back in action on the Hill this week**

Washington, D.C. - Representative Greg Walden, from Oregon’s 2nd Congressional District, came down with what doctors said was H1N1 last week and as the first Member of Congress to be diagnosed with it, the media covered it extensively. After several days of fighting fever and chills, and having followed the Centers for Disease Control’s guidelines, Walden was back on the job Monday voting against Speaker Pelosi’s liberal agenda.

“I deeply appreciate the prayers and well wishes from so many people. This is not a bug you ever want, or ever want to share with others. Thanks for your outpouring of support.” Walden said.

Follow Rep. Walden on Facebook or Twitter to get updates on his work in the U.S. Congress!
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Republican Notes
Senator Chris Telfer
District 27

Senator Speaks Out Against Ballot Titles

The voters' standard for a ballot title isn't too steep: something that is clear, objective and allows for an informed and educated decision on the measure. Oregon law requires a "simple and understandable statement." Unfortunately, the ballot titles for the January tax referrals drafted by a legislative committee meet neither of these standards.

As one of the 6 legislators appointed to draft the ballot titles, I was one of only two that voted against the final drafts. Representative Vicki Berger and I were also the only two on the committee that voted against the two House Bills that are being challenged by the voters in measures 66 and 67. The final committee product is both biased and misleading. Reading the ballot titles for the measures is more like reading an argument in support or a piece of campaign literature than an objective description of the facts.

For example, the description for the result of a "yes" vote is nearly twice as long as the result of a "no" vote. The description also leaves out the fact that the legislature's tax package includes a brand new tax of up to \$100,000 on businesses that do not even make a profit. And the ballot titles are grossly misleading and speculative about the possible effects of the measures if they are to pass or fail.

I believe Oregonians have the right to a clear, concise and unbiased official description of what they are voting on, not campaign rhetoric written by one side.

I am appreciative of the committee co-chairs who were willing to listen to some of the overwhelming input requesting clarification. The co-chairs made some additions to the explanatory statement, and in a roundabout way acknowledged that the tax increases are permanent and retroactive. But those inferences are only clear if you read the ballot title with a very discriminating eye. To my disappointment, of the 46 people that testified to the committee either verbally or by written submission, only nine were in favor of the initial tax referral drafts. All nine of those in opposition were representing organizations that would directly benefit by receiving state funds raised by these tax increases.

Perhaps my biggest concerns are the blatantly false statements in the explanatory portion of Measure 67. As a CPA and the only member of the committee with a tax background, I cannot ignore these misleading and incorrect explanations. One states that all other businesses that are not impacted by the proposed tax increase will pay no minimum or profits tax. This is incorrect. All businesses will pay tax on their profits. Secondly, ballot measure 67 claims that Sole Proprietors will not be impacted by the passing of this tax increase. However any Sole Proprietor filing an assumed business name, or DBA, with the Secretary of State, will pay DOUBLE in fees.

The fact that these taxes go into effect starting at the beginning of 2009 and that they continue for perpetuity are important factors in a voter's decision, and important in the bill language. To purposefully leave them out or muddy the truth around those facts is disingenuous at best. At worst, it is an intentional attempt to deceive and mislead voters.

If the quality control test for these ballot titles is clarity and ease of understanding, then they most certainly fail. Voters deserve a careful and concise rendering of the facts, not a political document riddled with propaganda and half-truths.

Decide for yourself. You can read all of the ballot titles at:

http://www.leg.state.or.us/icomm66_67.

Senator Chris Telfer (R-Bend) District 27

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District 53
Representative
Gene Whisnant

Dear Fellow Elephants,

In this critical political time in our nation and state's history, it is very important for us "elephants" to work together to elect our Republican candidates. I am a Republican and proud to be a Republican. I believe in the party of Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan. The Republican Party fits my beliefs, values, and morals.

Some of our Republican national leaders and State Republican elected officials have made some decisions with which you and I do not agree. Some may face a primary opponent like Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) and we'll see whom the Republican voters choose in the primary.

However, in the general election, we need all Republicans to work for our candidates against the Democrat Party candidates if you want to make our state and nation great again. Our Commander-in-Chief continues to express to other world leaders excuses and apologies for our great nation. America's actions to help other nations and work for world peace are a matter of record; we do not need to apologize to any nation.

Republican "grassroots" efforts have produced the movements against the Obama Health Care plan and the Oregon \$800 million tax increase. We need that same activism and "grassroots" effort to win back some seats in the Oregon Legislature and in Washington DC. I am optimistic we will have gains and in the near future can regain control of some of the state and national chambers.

I urge every one of you to donate at least your "free" political tax credit to candidates or the local GOP party. Also, join a candidate's campaign team. I have been involved in the local party since I retired from the USAF and moved to Central Oregon in 1993. I have seen how the campaigns have grown in size, funding, and technology, but the key to any successful campaign is the volunteers and the time they volunteer. I am optimistic we can be successful in the 2010 elections; now let's do it.

Sincerely,

Gene Whisnant

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Good News For Terrorists: Democratic Revisions to the Patriot Act

By Dick Morris & Eileen Mcgann - Published on DickMorris.com October 5, 2009

If only terrorists would be so accommodating as not to change cell phones, the new curbs on the Patriot Act being pushed by Democrats in Congress would not be so dangerous. But, unfortunately, even a book entitled Terrorism for Dummies would tell them to use multiple cell phones to plot their mayhem.

In the aftermath of Oklahoma City, President Clinton asked Congress for authority to order roving wiretaps, targeting the terror suspect rather than one specific phone. If he changed phones, the FBI could tap each new phone he used without getting a separate warrant. Congress unwisely and unaccountably refused. But when President Bush renewed the request, after 9-11, Congress included the authorization in the Patriot Act. But this provision and many other essential investigatory tools is subject to sunset at the end of the year. Unless affirmatively renewed by Congress, they will lapse.

Drug enforcement agents have long used roving wiretaps but anti-terror investigators will not be able to use them if Congress doesn't extend the authority. Our anti-terror investigators will be back to the one phone-one warrant rule.

Former Bush Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey, writing in an op-ed in Friday's Wall Street Journal notes that roving wiretaps "helped thwart a plot earlier this year to blow up synagogues in Riverdale, New York." Yet liberal Democrats are fighting the renewal of the roving wiretap authority as part of a broad offensive against the very Patriot Act provisions which have kept us safe (often by narrow margins) since 9-11.

Other liberal targets include the statute which allows terror investigators to apply for court orders to search business records in national security investigations. The Democrats want to limit this authority to instances in which investigators can prove that their target is an agent of a foreign power. Since terrorists are unlikely to register under FARA (Foreign Agent Registration Act), one wonders how investigators are supposed to be able to prove that they are foreign agents before they can investigate them! Even though investigators can only search the business records if they get the approval of the court, this safeguard does not impress the liberals. Ironically, the IRS can access these very same business records if they are connected with a tax investigation whether or not a foreign agent is involved. But terror investigators will have to face a more daunting hurdle.

Another sunset provision under attack is the so-called "lone wolf authority" which allows investigators to launch a probe even if they cannot prove, before they start, that the target is connected to a terrorist group. Again, the liberals would put the horse before the cart and demand proof before an inquiry could begin.

Other liberal targets include limiting the use of National Security Letters - in effect subpoenas - in terror investigations.

The fact is that there has not been a single instance of reported abuse of these investigative powers by counter-terrorist agents. No records have even been turned over to the other government agencies like the IRS or the DEA. No leaks have appeared in the media. No citizen's privacy has been compromised by publication of his secrets in the newspapers.

On the other hand, the list of terror attacks that have been prevented by using these authorities is extensive. Most recently, these tools helped stop Najibullah Zazi from loading backpacks with lethal explosives and detonating them on New York City subways.

Will Obama endorse these crippling amendments? Will Democrats like Senators Gillibrand and Schumer who come from endangered states like New York back them?

Heaven help the Democratic Party and President Obama if these debilitating amendments pass or if the authority to use this statute lapses and another terrorist attack takes place! Heaven help the victims too!

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On October 17th Jinny Collins-Cooper and her husband Jack met with Brian Jennings, author of *Censorship: The Threat to Silence Talk Radio* for a *Meet the Author/Home Theater Evening*. Jinny was the highest bidder of this auction item during the August Roundup fundraiser.

After some hearty conservative discussion, everyone gathered in the Dressler Digital Cinema to watch Jinny's favorite movie, *The Patriot*. Many thanks to Brian and his lovely wife Karen, for making a special trip from Portland to meet and reinvigorate a group of fellow conservatives.



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