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An open letter to the Iowa Congressional Delegation

To Our Senators: Your voters have elected you to represent them in Congress, one of you from each major political party. Each of you have earned enviable seniority positions within your respective parties, exchanging committee chairmanship chairs, it seems, every four years.

To Our Representatives: You have been elected by the citizens of Iowa to represent your constituency's best interests. Each of you must stand for re-election every two years.

A problem more critical than Health Care: In my humble opinion, you are all fiddling in Washington while this great country, from Sea to Sea and Border to Border, is burning. Yes, burning its greatest asset. Small Business is paralyzed while you are fiddling around with "Change".

I firmly believe you have literally thrown tens of thousands of small businesses and their millions of employees under the bus, so to speak. I say this because an estimated 68% of our nation's payroll is paid by small business. Small business is in serious trouble with cash flow problems, mainly because small business owners are uneasy with an unpredictable future. I believe small business nationwide does not trust its elected delegations to act in its behalf. Small business is on "HOLD".

Most states report rapidly dwindling tax receipts. Our federal tax receipts are down substantially. Big business problems are only a small part of our economy. While you keep fiddling, small business, the heart of the United States of America's economy, will keep burning.

"Change", it has been claimed, will solve every problem the country has. Now we see "Change" meant throwing good money to the broken down insurance companies, stock and bond companies, automobile companies, banks, and others. The excuse was that they were too big to fail. I believe small business is a far bigger asset for America and it is failing while you pander to the big money lobbyist.

Bankruptcy Courts have worked for this great country for over two centuries. They have been our traditional solution to failed management practices and unforeseen bad luck. The Administration simply took over the Courts' responsibilities, again saying we need to "Change" and do it quickly.

I cannot find any fair excuse for the Clunker Bill and its extension except to further the election potential of the bill's supporters. Certainly, working people who pay taxes will eventually pay for this giant, ill-conceived giveaway, along with the stimulus debacle, and, maybe soon, a health bill.

Since the 2008 election, the Administration, supported by Congress, has kept the small business owners nationwide in a complete state of upheaval. We cannot build a valid business operating plan. Without a plan we cannot get financing; without financing, we cannot purchase goods to work with, pay employees, secure contracts, or pursue opportunities.

In Summary: I ask the Iowa delegation to abandon the fiddling and concentrate on establishing a stable business climate. Also, your challenge is to convince all other states' delegates to join you. This positive action would enable us to soon be out of the burning mode and into a recovery mode, ready to conduct another election in 2010.

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