

The Solutions for Americans Campaign

“A. J. Wildman 2020 U.S. Presidential Campaign Announcement”

Those who dare to fail miserably – can achieve greatly!

John F. Kennedy

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Introduction

Today, July 15, 2019 – I am declaring my Independent 2020 campaign for President of the United States. My intention to run for this office was originally reported in a Carroll County Times article (Westminster, Maryland) on November 17, 2017.

Granted, I am little known to the public. However, with your support that is about to change. And frankly, my fellow Americans doesn't one of us need to step forward and *do something about the growing chaos that surrounds us!*

Please, imagine that we are sitting having coffee and I am sharing this with you. I have joined in literally thousands of such one-on-one political talks over the last 40 years. I am a good listener. That is how I became familiar with how my fellow Americans personally felt on all kinds of economic and social issues. By simply asking them for their opinion and they willingly provided their thoughts!

Between now and the November 3, 2020 Presidential and Congressional Election, I will be aggressively promoting my campaign and problem-solving Platform of The Independent Party of America (TIPA). The Independent Political Party that I founded. I refer to the campaign's Platform as “An American Agenda” because it presents publicly acceptable solutions for many of our nation's problems.

The Platform's 40+ legislative proposals are presented both in writing & in a 5 to 10 minute video at 'www.common sense2nd.com under the "Solutions" selection. Those solutions were developed by me and refined to be acceptable to at least 60% of our citizens, and quite often more than that.

My Brief Bio

I will little spend time on a personal-bio. I was born in Washington, DC of all places. From age seven (7) thru Franklin Senior High School, grew up in the country in Baltimore County, Maryland. Now speaking about my career, at 19, I put myself thru a 10-month night school to learn computer programming. My 35+ year career in Information Technology began in programming of course, but quickly moved into systems analyst and design, project management, and into business problem solving.

Thus, I am a well-experienced at analyzing business problem scenarios and developing practical solutions to resolve them. *It is what I do!* It is easy observe that We have many economic and social problems to confront. My absolute intent is to solve our Problems for the Common Good of us all! For my fellow citizens.

I worked my first 4-years in Information Technology (IT) in Baltimore and another 30+ years in the DC area supporting both corporate and Federal agency clients. Entities such as the First National Bank of Maryland, Marriott Corporation – Hotels Division, Department of Education Student Loan Program, the U.S. Immigration Service, Giant Food Corporation of Maryland, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of DC and Maryland. I left my IT career behind in December, 2002 with the intent of seeing what I could do to help my country.

I have been a life-long observer of national level politics. How the U.S. Congress really operates and how the two (2) National parties interact for the good, the bad, and the useless! Further, I have always had a real interest in both domestic and foreign policy. Not the typical hobby, but it interests me.

Since leaving the IT Industry, I have written and self-published two (2), non-fiction political books, *Common Interest* in 2005 and the 718-page, *The Second Coming of Common Sense* in 2008. As well as, several papers on various political topics, including my National Drug Reform Proposal in 2004.

Finally, I must mention that I am a bit of a "Futurist". To me a Futurist is someone that looks objectively many decades down the road and attempts to assess how for example the world, society, and the Environment will progress or not. Some of my Reforms regarding issues such as Food, Housing, Medical Care, Sea Level Rise, Immigration, and Over-Population require serious actions Today, if society is to progress and the Environment is to be preserved.

Most if not all of our elected leadership cannot see further ahead than their next re-election date. I will lead us all to a better future.

About Problem-Solving

Now for a few words on problem-solving.

While most people shy away from problem situations in business, let alone confronting them, I was drawn to them. I was always been attracted to projects that were either in trouble and/or that no one else wanted to deal with. Frankly, I am attracted to chaos and getting such projects or situations under control. They are the most challenging and rewarding projects to work on.

Thus, my fellow Americans, I present myself to you the voters as a professional business problem-solver. Thankfully, I am not your standard politician. However, I have observed national politics for over 40-years, as well as having dealt very effectively with the political games in both Corporate and Federal agency environments.

Finally, if one (1) word sums up the dysfunctional US Congress and the political State of Our Union, the word must be, “chaos”.

Explaining the Dysfunctional State of the U.S. Congress

It is fairly summed up in a quote from Albert Einstein,

“Problems cannot be solved by the same consciousness that create them.”

For over 30 years and regardless of whether the President was Republican or Democrat the fate of any national legislation aimed at serving the Common Good of our citizens has only gotten worse.

Thus, I believe it fair to describe all 535 elected members of Congress to be problem managers and perpetuators, rather than being problem-solvers.

On Serving the Haves or the Have-Nots

In harsh reality folks, the all-to-normal legislative battle between both Parties in the House and Senate, and the White House – *is simply the age-old battle between the Haves and the Have-Nots!* The natural and internal economic struggle that exists in every nation of Earth!

In America today, the *Haves*, being the Wealthy and Big Industries are blatantly represented by the Republicans. While, the *Have-Nots*, being the Masses of our citizens, along with small and medium businesses, are represented by the Democrats and a few Independents. And the *Haves* are definitely winning!

That political Plain Truth must be commonly acknowledged by all of us, my fellow citizens!

Further, unless we act promptly to resolve this legislative power imbalance, things will only get worse for the vast majority us! Because in hard reality, the day-to-day Main street American economy is contracting and not doing nearly as great as they keep telling us it is...

Without any remorse or excuse the Republican Party, under the leadership of Senator Mitch “The Dictator” McConnell has willingly become the *Party-of-No*. Especially, when it comes to easing the day-to-day economic struggles of working Americans and the failing Environment.

Factually, more and more over the last 30 years the leadership of the US Congress has deliberately walked away from their base legislative Responsibility to We the People and pushed it off to whomever the President might be. Congress’ actual job description is,

“To solve the people’s problems that cannot be solved at the State or Local level”.

Yes, the Congress has collectively decided that the President, not the 535 of them, should be responsible for developing and delivering problem solutions to their consideration? This infers that a President that is only in their office for 4 or 8 years will just walk in and provide Congress with all the answers to our problems. What a concept! That, as opposed to House and Senate legislators that are in their seats for years, if not decades, producing the solutions to our Common Problems!

Overall, it is fair to state that approach is not working well for us! Yet, We the voters keep re-electing these incompetent men and women. *What fools we mortals be...* I declare that collective voting error will not happen again in 2020!!

The good news everybody, is that my Common Sense campaign Platform actually consists of Real solutions, to our Real problems. It is a very good thing!

The first 27 of the 40+ proposals in the TIPA Platform were first detailed in my book, *The Second Coming of Common Sense* (CS2). The board range of proposals are even more relevant and beneficial today.

In recent years, I have been focused on our serious day-to-day headaches. The out-of-control cost-of-living combined with flat wages over the last few decades. The majority of Americans are struggling financially month-to-month. My primary focuses have been on providing decent Food, Housing, and Health Care Insurance for our citizens. We will necessarily execute the prudent and involuntary restructuring of those Industries for the Common Good. We will win!

The fact is if we cannot effectively increase wages, then we must prudently act to control the basic costs of living. Period!

My secondary, yet very urgent concern is the Climate Crisis and the inevitable mass relocations of Americans caused by Sea Level Rise. It factors directly into our need for absolute immigration control, and NOW. One (1) sobering example, by the year 2100, most if not the entire State of Florida will be under water!! Demanding that we relocate up to 22 million Floridians. Then, we will have only 49 stars of the flag! Think about that for a moment...

My citizen-oriented, solution-based Independent Platform is one (1) that neither National Party, nor the 25+ want-to-be-president Democrats or Republicans has or will ever present to us. That is simply because they are politicians and not really public problem-solvers! Politicians spend their time managing existing problems, than they ever do solving them.

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The Heart of the Matter

It goes without saying my fellow Americans, that the current occupant of the White House is a national embarrassment and a presidential failure on so many levels. I political observation is that he is already a “lame duck” and will not be re-elected in 2020. Time will tell! I will be explaining that political reality to the concerned voters in the near future. Stay tuned.

To be clear, my primary electoral concern is that People will be so distracted with removing him from office we fail to remove the real legislative roadblocks to critical legislative progress. And the greatest single threat to the Climate that exists today. The first roadblock being the Republicans in the US Senate. The second one being the Republicans in the US House. The Simple Truth...

To be blunt. If our collective voting on 11-3-2020 does not remove those *Have-serving* Republicans from office, then we will have totally missed the point. Then, the Chaos will absolutely continue.

Senator Mitch “The Dictator” McConnell, if re-elected could continue to control of the National legislative process. We the People and the Climate, would surely lose.

Again, the Republicans Party, without shame only serves the Wealthy and certain Big Industries, e.g., Oil, Coal, Gas, Health Insurance, Pharmaceutical, Defense, Banking and Wall Street, and Tobacco to name their primary puppet masters.

The Republicans Party in Congress performed its ultimate and hopefully final self-serving action in December 2017 when they unashamedly past their 1.5 Trillion-dollar tax cut for the Wealthy and Big Business. After that, the House Speaker Paul Ryan publicly stated that he had accomplished his career long goal – in passing that shameful tax cut. Since then, no legislation that would actually serve the public good and/or helped the environment has even been voted on under “The Dictator”. But, they continue to work at destroying Health Care for our people, just to make the Health Insurance and Pharmaceutical Industries happy. Disgusting!

For that and their Party’s many other abuses, on 11-3-2020 incumbent Republicans in the US Senate and House, as well as in State Houses, County and City governments in all 50 states must learn what Napoleon felt like at Waterloo on June 18,1815 – Defeated...

Thus, the reckless Republican majority control over the US Senate must now be eliminated once-and-for-all!

And let's not waste any time identifying our exact US Senate voting targets on 11-3-2020. Fortunately, in 2020 some 21 Republican Senators are up for election/re-election. And a 22nd seat is also up to fill the Arizona Senate seat of the late, honorable Senator John McCain.

State	Republican Senator
Alaska	Sullivan, Dan
Arkansas	Cotton, Tom
Colorado	Gardner, Cory
Georgia	Perdue, David
Idaho	Risch, James E.
Iowa	Ernst, Joni
Kansas	Roberts, Pat
Kentucky	McConnell, Mitch
Louisiana	Cassidy, Bill
Maine	Collins, Susan
Mississippi	Hyde-Smith, Cindy
Montana	Daines, Steve
Nebraska	Sasse, Ben
North Carolina	Tillis, Thom
Oklahoma	Inhofe, James
South Carolina	Graham, Lindsey
South Dakota	Rounds, Mike
Tennessee	Alexander, Lamar
Texas	Cornyn, John
West Virginia	Capito, Shelley Moore
Wyoming	Enzi, Michael
Arizona	Special Election

For your information, below is the overall makeup of the 166th United States Congress. The average age of US House members is 57.6 years. The average age of US Senate members is 62.9 years.

<u>116th</u> Congress	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	Totals
US Senate	53	45	2	100
US House	195	239	1	435
Totals	248	284	3	535

Now about the **Democrat Party**. It is at least a *well-intended* political organization with respect to serving the People. However, it is one (1) thing to talk about helping the day-to-day struggle of average Americans, but then there is actually getting something done!

Democrats are a Party that lacks the functional aggressiveness when dealing with their naturally aggressive (and greedy) opponents – the self-serving Republicans.

The Democrats are frankly a Party that is without a practical, problem-solving legislative platform that serves average Americans. Again, they just like the Republicans have passed their problem-solving responsibilities off to the President.

Bluntly put, the Democrats are also far too pre-occupied with “social” issues. Democrats are not concerned enough about the economic struggles of average citizens. Not that the various human issues of faith, race, LBGTQ, and women’s concerns, etc., are not important, BUT, “it is still the economy stupid”. And, stopping all illegal immigration! They need a real Platform.

Hopefully they will embrace the TIPA Platform that I intend to share with the Party.

Initial Contacts about the TIPA Platform

The following is a list of Democratic Party and Independent political people I will be contacting about my campaign in general, but mainly about the TIPA Platform:

Congressional Political Independents

- Senator Angus King, Maine
- Senator Bernie Sanders, Vermont
- Representative Justin Amash, Michigan that recently left the Republican Party to become an Independent. Good for him. He has political guts!

Maryland US Congressional Members

- Senator Benjamin Cardin
- Senator Chris Van Hollen, Jr.
- Jamie Raskin, Representative for my 8th US District, Westminister, MD
- Chairperson, Carroll County (Maryland) Democratic Central Committee

In Summary

Our United States Congress, including the leadership of both National Political Parties in both the Senate and House are consistently dysfunctional to the Common Good of We the People – We the Citizens. That is why they maintain a collective 90% Public Disapproval rating.

All Americans need to know that We the Voters have the total Power to vote **86% of the US Congress out-of-office every-2-years**. The entire 435 members of the US House of Representatives, as well as one-third of the members of the US Senate. That is, 33 or 34 out of the 100 member of the members of the Senate. We have the Power my fellow citizens...

The Republican Party functionally does not really care about the struggles of the Masses or the Climate crisis. And continues to block all public-productive legislation in the US Senate.

The Democratic Party is well-intended, but is not aggressive enough (i.e., by simply starting Impeachment hearings on Obstruction of Justice against a criminal President) and lacks a publicly appealing Platform.

As you probably already sense, my overall campaign strategy in the fourteen (14) months is to bring a political end to as much of the Republican Party, as possible and at all levels of government.

Further, to work with the Democrats to defeat the Republicans, but to aggressively challenge them to support my Independent Platform starting in 2019.

Finally, along the way to build the public’s awareness and hopefully appreciation for The Independent Party of America (TIPA), to vigorously promote the TIPA Platform, and possibly even run some Independent candidates for national office!! I will work to earn our vote!

Working toward Common Goals, We the People will do great things over the next several years.

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Part 2 – Campaign Strategy Overview

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A Brief Look into Our Common Sense Electoral Battle Plan

Note: A more detailed version of my Presidential and Congressional campaign strategy will be published on the Home Page of the Platform website, www.commonsense2nd.com. However, but I believe it is important to provide you with a practical overview right now.

Please consider the following action steps and voting strategy. They could very well work for us in 2019/2020! We just need to do it!

- As opposed to legislative goals, my campaign will focus on two (2) political priorities. First, to remove the Embarrassment Trump from office in 2020. As stated before, I believe he is a lame-duck President and will not be re-elected. I intend to be the next President by earning with your support and vote.

Secondly, to remove as many Republican legislators at the National, State, and Local levels of government, as possible in 2020. So the People can win.

- To accomplished this, We the People will deliberately electorally target all Republican candidates running for re-election and/or election on 11-3-2020. Thus, this applies to the US Senate and House, as well as Republicans in the 50 State legislatures across our nation. However, we also need to consider including City, County, Parrish, Borough, Local, etc., governments, as well. A clean sweep! The American Electorate’s final voter action against the once honorable “Grand Old Party”.

Please don't forget Republicans control too many State legislatures. They are pushing ridiculous restrictions on voter access, as well as passing overly-restrictive abortion laws recently in Alabama and several other states. That is not American Democracy. It is the old-style Republican divide and conquer, state-by-state legislative strategy.

- Again, our Primary voter action will be against the 22 Republicans running for re-election in the US Senate. And specifically, Senator Mitch “the Dictator” McConnell from Kentucky that just happens to be up for re-election in 2020. It would be the end of Republican control over the Senate. Our Primary Congressional legislative roadblock.
- Our Secondary voter action will then be against the **196 incumbent Republicans** running for re-election in the US House. Voting out the majority of the House Republicans would be the absolute political end of the National Republican Party. And will set the stage for highly productive – economic, social, and Climate legislation Reforms under my leadership and problem-solving Platform.
- Frustrated American voters in 2020 would be voting for Democrats and/or politically Independent House and Senate candidates that are actively supporting the TIPA problem-solving Platform.

If we work together my fellow Americans, there is certainly time to prepare the campaign and do this great work for our families, Democracy, and nation! There is time to act and We the People certainly do realize our Common Need...

Honestly folks, doesn't that sound fairly simple for us to accomplish! It is Common Sense. Just vote out the Party that continues to prove they don't really care about We the People – our families or the environment. Frankly, it is our decision and we've got this.

The Democratic Party Will Be Challenged

Now for the Democratic Party's responsibilities to the citizens of America in this Electoral Revolution. As I have previously stated, the Democrats do not have a viable, public problem-solving Platform. By that I mean a platform that will promptly act to solve our Common Problems. Theirs is the usual list of things that they want to give-away. Liberties to be handed out.

However, most Americans agree that there are Practical Limits to what can be given out to those in need, as well as, there being Responsibilities to be expected of those receiving any tax-payer funded support. Absolutely!

The TIPA Party Platform, was developed and refined to be acceptable to at least 60% of our citizens after their due consideration thereof. It will simply work for our people and country!

My public serving intent is to both challenge and work directly with the Democrats and Independents in Congress. Just as I will need to do as President so I should start doing to begin with! I will actively promote the TIPA Platform to the Democrats and Independents in Congress, as well as in the State and Local level elected office seekers across our nation.

I am challenging the entire Democratic Party to openly embrace and promote many of the Platform Reforms aggressively to the voters. I believe that is our best combined strategy for success in cleaning the Republicans out of the US Senate and House.

I firmly believe the American Electorate will embrace and act to show their support for the TIPA Platform in 2019/2020. Simply because it will actually help them and their families.

AND, it will absolutely guarantee our being rid of "lame-duck Trump" in the process!

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Putting the Final Squeeze on the US Senate Roadblock

I will deliberately challenge with the Democrats and Independents in Congress starting this summer, to work with my initial set of Demand Legislation that is drawn from the TIPA Platform. This is productive set of Reform legislation that the Democrats can prepare into House Bills. Publicly acceptable legislation that could be easily Submitted and Passed in a matter of days or just a couple of weeks.

For a great test case, the very first legislation that I will submit to the Democrats in Congress to turn into a Bill and Pass, will be allowing American farmers to grow Hemp (the non-buzz cousin of cannabis). They have wanted to grow this great commercial crop for decades, but keep getting crushed by lobbyists from the Oil, Cotton, Forestry, and the Plastics Industries to name a few. Hemp is extremely Environment friendly.

So the House sends this very practical Bill to the Senate that should Pass *easily*, and be forwarded to the President to be *Signed* into Law. Possibly, but not if Mitch “The Dictator” McConnell continues to block such practical legislation, as usual.

If the practical Hemp Bill is miraculously passed thru the Senate and signed into Law, wonderful! That is good for the farmers and the various manufacturing jobs that will be created after that!! However, if it is not passed for no good reason – just because the Industry lobbyists had won again – then the public has a clear example of Republican priorities and another reason to vote against them on 11-3-2020!! It will be a real test.

Therefore, if the Democrats work with me, we will keep sending productive Reform legislation thru the House and to the Senate right up until the 11-3-2020 Election Day. The Republican Party’s True Colors will be displayed for all to see. And the American Electorate will vote accordingly.

This process is certain to make the 2020 Presidential and Congressional campaign season much more productive, informative, and entertaining.

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The TIPA Platform Reform Legislation

The following is to give voters an idea of the types of Reform legislation that I will be aggressively bringing the campaign for public review. And to challenge the 25+ Democrat and Republican presidential hopefuls.

My First Climate Related Items

- Legalization of the Hemp crop for American farmers.
- We will decide this! Permanent, global boycott that will end ALL passenger air travel on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To be in full force by Tuesday, January 7, 2020. An immediate drop of some 20% in jet related air pollution. Outstanding benefits and public awareness generator!! A civil Climate action that cannot be stopped by government or industry.
- I will be asking Dr. Bill Nye's group to weigh-in on the question using material, such as Styrofoam to "re-build" the Northern Ice Cap over a period of years. Or to permanently cover parts of Greenland to slow the melt-down. It might be crazy, but then again maybe not.

Cost-of-Living Reforms

- American Food Industry Reforms – Decent and affordable food for ALL citizens.
- American Housing Reforms – Decent housing for ALL Americans. National Rent and Commercial Leasing controls.
- Health Care for ALL Americans – Health Insurance Industry Reforms and Pharmaceutical Pricing Controls

Controlling Automated Intelligence (AI) Job Elimination

- First – No Automated, Driverless Trucks will be allowed in America. Period!
- Second – Do Not Allow the \$15 per Hour Minimum Wage Increases to Kill Jobs, such as Restaurant Waitress and Waiter Staff

Those Reforms and others will ignite a great national debate on Real Solutions to our Real Problems. And there are many more to come!

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Declaration of My 2020 Presidential Candidacy

In January 1776, the revolutionary writer Thomas Paine anonymously published the pamphlet *Common Sense*. Six (6) months later on July 4th 1776 the Declaration of Independence was signed. George Washington later credited Paine's words with igniting the American Revolution. In *Common Sense*, Paine literally called for "a declaration of independence". He was "only" challenging his fellow English colonists to go through a physical and bloody war with their government and the entire British Empire. Something never attempted before. Only about 10% of the struggling English colonists responded to his call, but in the end, they won their war. They won that great war for You and your family today.

In this presentation, I am sincerely challenging my fellow Americans that aren't currently registered to vote, to please get registered to vote "**this year**". Then, we can all show up next year on 11-3-2020 and fire off you votes. It may seem too simple to make a real difference, but it really matters that we all do it!

Please, take a friend or family to your local DMV and help them use the Motor-Voter facility available there.

We the People, in that solemn 2020 vote will collectively act to instruct and set aside our abusive and dysfunctional government for the Common Good of our fellow citizens. Also, to save as much of our Planet and Environment, as we still can.

Yes, it may feel abnormal and uncomfortable to take such aggressive voting actions. However, be collectively encouraged. The sacred words of the US Constitution the colonists died to give us some 240 years ago and the 1.3 million Americans that died in battle over those years Preserving it – gave We the People of today – the Right, the Authority, and the pure Responsibility to govern ourselves for the Common Good. For all of us.

In the end, We can, We should, and We will do this honorable task together. And we will win.

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Again, I will be working with and pushing the Democrats in Congress to begin the Demand Legislation process starting in 2019. The Republicans would never touch such legislation because those that they really work for – the Wealthy and certain Big Industries – will not allow them to do it. So, the Democrats need to step-up and take action.

For decades those politically powerful entities have taken whatever they wanted to with no one stopping them. From now on We the People will determine our nation's destiny, because *We have the authority to do so... We will now claim our absolute Authority!*

Thus, under my problem-solving leadership, such hard Reforms will not be voluntary for Industries to accept. Industry lobbyists will no longer be writing legislation for Congress as they have for decades. The political and legislative games will be Reformed in the People's favor.

These first actions and many more, We the People will reasonably Demand of the government. It is our nation and corporations only sell their goods and services in our country at our pleasure and will be properly controlled by our government.

My patriotic mission is to aggressively promote the Common Good of my fellow American “citizens” and our nation. With your help we will build a true problem-solving, grassroots movement. We will create a publicly productive and enduring Independent Third national political party. The Independent Party of America.

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I am running to be your President of the United States of America! Please give me and the TIPA citizen-oriented, problem-solving Platform a good look.

Together, we will do these good things and so many more. We will do all this for those we love and otherwise care about, and for the 325-million of our fellow Americans that we will never, ever meet. Amen...

May God continue to Bless and Preserve America.

I most humbly ask for your support and the great honor of being your President.

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Please watch my campaign BLOG ouriapp.typepad.com for issue updates, Podcasts, & public meeting dates and times. And, please come join us!!

Thank you, A J Wildman

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