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PROPOSALS TO REVERSE DISTURBING TRENDS IN NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES

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PROPOSALS TO REVERSE DISTURBING TRENDS IN NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES: OUTLINE

I. IDEALS FOR US TO PROTECT

II. THREE AREAS OF POLICY TRENDS THAT ARE HARMING THE AVERAGE AMERICAN

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I. IDEALS FOR US TO PROTECT

A. IDEALS OF E PLURIBUS UNUM THAT ARE UNDER ASSAULT WITH INDIVISIBLE AS THE COUNTER ACTION

1. TRUMP'S DIVISIVE RHETORIC AND ACTIONS DISRESPECTS ALL DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS EXCEPT HETEROSEXUAL, WHITE MALES

2. INDIVISIBLE IS A POWERFUL NAME AND THEME TO REMIND AMERICANS OF THIS PATRIOTIC IDEAL AND TO ENERGIZE ACTION "ABOUT SAVING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY"

B. SUSTAINABILITY AS THE ETHIC FOR PASSING ON IDEALS, PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES FOR THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS: ADVANCE THE COMMON GOOD IN NEAR-TERM AND LONG-TERM

C. HONOR THE GENIUS IN THE IDEALS UNDERLYING THE FORMATION OF "REVOLUTIONARY" INSTITUTIONS: DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMICS FOUNDED ON DECENTRALIZED POWER (OUR PRACTICE IS IMPERFECT)

II. THREE AREAS OF POLICY TRENDS THAT ARE HARMING THE AVERAGE AMERICAN

A. REMOVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND TOO LITTLE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

1. DEREGULATION AS BRANDING RATHER THAN SOUND, EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY: LIKELY REGRETS IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS WORKPLACE SAFETY, CONSUMER PROTECTION, ETC.
2. RECENT UNDOING OF THE MERCURY & AIR TOXINS STANDARDS (MATS) FOR POWER PLANTS EVEN THOUGH MOST HAVE ALREADY INSTALLED THE POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND BENEFITS OF POLLUTION REDUCTION FAR EXCEEDS THE COSTS, ALSO COMPELLING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
3. OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND EFFECTS ARE OCCURRING SOONER AND MORE SEVERELY THAN MANY PAST MODELS PREDICTED

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B. CONCENTRATION OF ECONOMIC POWER IN CORPORATIONS AND GROWING INEQUALITY OF INCOME AND WEALTH, LACK OF GROWTH OF REAL WAGES FOR AMERICAN WORKERS, WEAKENING OF LABOR UNIONS, STRUCTURAL FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICITS - EVEN AT PEAK OF BUSINESS CYCLE

1. DECADES OF WEAKENING ANTI-TRUST POLICIES AND ALLOWING MERGERS AND BUY-OUTS THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN PAST
2. GLOBAL COMPETITION AS THE EXCUSE FOR ABANDONING PRO-COMPETITION TRADITION AND PROMOTING MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. RECENT TAX CUTS ENCOURAGE SHELTERING OFFSHORE PROFITS AND EXPORTING JOBS.
3. PRO-CORPORATE AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AS MISDIRECTION OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR "FAMILY FARMS": SUBSIDIES PER BUSHEL REWARD LARGER SIZE

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C. UNDERMINING DEMOCRACY THROUGH OBSCENE CAMPAIGN FINANCE, VOTER SUPPRESSION, GERRYMANDERING, ETC.

1. OTHER INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST WITHOUT FOUNDATION OF WELL-FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY, MUST PRACTICE DEMOCRACY BETTER
2. MONEY IN POLITICS AND CITIZENS UNITED IS INTERCONNECTED ILLNESS RELATED TO DYSFUNCTION OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS. MONEY AS SPEECH TILTS POWER TO WEALTHY AND CONTRADICTS IDEAL OF ONE PERSON - ONE VOTE
3. OTHER SYMPTOMS ARE GERRYMANDERING, VOTER SUPPRESSION

III. POLICIES TO SUPPORT NOW

A. CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY TO DISCOURAGE CARBON EMISSIONS AND CREATE DIVIDEND TO BE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED BACK TO CITIZENS LED BY CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY, BILLS INTRODUCED IN BOTH U.S. HOUSE AND SENATE TITLED “ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT”, ALTERNATIVE TO CAP AND TRADE PROPOSED UNDER OBAMA AND LIKELY SIMPLER TO IMPLEMENT AND MORE ACCEPTABLE ECONOMICALLY

B. SENATOR KLOBUCHAR BILL TO PROMOTE BETTER ANTI-TRUST ACTIONS TO REVERSE CONCENTRATION OF CORPORATE POWER, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT ONLY CONSIDER IMPACTS ON PRODUCT PRICES IN BLOCKING MERGERS BUT ALSO IMPACTS ON “WAGES, EMPLOYMENT, INNOVATION, AND NEW BUSINESS FORMATION.”

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- C. “HR 1”? THAT IS PRIORITY FOR INDIVISIBLE: PROTECT DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND PROCESSES
1. PUBLIC CHOICE IS FIELD OF SOCIAL SCIENCE BLENDING ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
 2. INDIVISIBLE WORK ON EQUITABLE, IMPARTIAL REDISTRICTING RATHER THAN GERRYMANDERING IS COMMENDABLE
 3. MANY WAYS TO MAKE REGISTRATION AND VOTING EASIER, RESIST VOTER SUPPRESSION AND RE-ENACT THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT
 4. BETTER WAYS TO MEET VOTERS’ PREFERENCES THAN PLURALITY RULE: RANKED CHOICE VOTING AS IMPLEMENTED BY MAINE IN 2018 ELECTION

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