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## Campaign Update:

- The most common question I receive is why should a voter “waste” their vote on a third-party candidate? If you vote for the best candidate no one is throwing a vote away. If you ask me, you are “wasting” a vote on the two-party system because nothing ever changes. A vote for Republican or Democrat will result in business as usual and maintaining the status quo.
- I have visited over 3700 businesses in 8 counties.
- Win or lose I will be working with Convention of the States to pass amendments to rein in government power. [COSAction \(conventionofstates.com\)](https://www.conventionofstates.com)



## Campaign Priorities:

- No more polarizing politics
- Protect the rights of ALL citizens equally
- Reduce spending, debt, and taxes
- Secure our borders, not the borders of foreign nations
- Reduce regulations that are strangling businesses
- No more emergency powers for government
- Educational choice
- Provide rural Americans an equal voice in state politics
- Less government, expanding individual freedom, and treating everyone equally will make politics civil again



## Crippling Regulations:

One common theme from businesses I visit is that regulations and taxes are crippling them.

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Separate Business and  
Individual Principles  
from the State

Unfortunately, businesses are forced to transfer some of these costs to the consumer. I am not going to say all regulations that protect worker and consumer safety are bad, but a majority are forcing businesses to the brink of closing their doors or needlessly increasing the cost for goods and services. Whether selling cars, hot dogs, running a RV park, banking, knives, water, guns, tobacco, marijuana, building homes, arts and crafts, liquor, gas, food, or antiques everyone has a story about the government enforcing some useless regulation. Regulations are costly in

several ways because they consist of high fees, long wait times for approval, and complex paperwork. As bad as regulations are on existing businesses, they are a nightmare for any new business trying to open its doors. Regulations come in a variety of forms such as those that are not applied equally to all businesses, those that raise the cost for people to run a business, and those that push useless occupational licensing fees. Here are some statistics about regulations:

- There are over 130 million federal regulations.
- A 5% increase in regulations leads to a 1% increase in prices. Thus, regulation have the biggest impact on the poorest Americans.
- Bank regulations lead to a larger gap between the rich and poor.
- A 5% increase in regulations lead to better than a 1% increase in poverty rates.
- There are over 50 steps in most states for someone to start a new business. It can cost upwards of 5,000 dollars and take over a year for approval depending on the business.
- Big businesses are in favor of regulations so they can put mom-and-pop rivals out of business. For instance, a 15-dollar minimum wage will not affect Walmart or Amazon like it will affect the mom-and-pop shop around the corner.
- The Covid pandemic identified a litany of regulations that had to be waived to get products and services to people such as allowing telehealth appointments. If regulations can be waived for Covid, then they are unnecessary at any point in time.



## The Urban / Rural Divide:

Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that the states be guaranteed a republican form of government. But republican forms of government have not been guaranteed for states, instead democracies were forced onto the states in a 1964 case Reynolds v. Sims. In Reynolds, the court held that both houses of the state legislature had to be proportioned based on population ensuring they were democracies. However, we must remember, the federal government does not follow the mandate issued in Reynolds. In

fact, our United States Senate is a republican principle since each state has two senators regardless of its population. Without equal senate representation to ensure smaller states had the political clout to stand up against larger more powerful states, the Constitution would have never passed. Therefore, there is absolutely no reason why one house of the state legislature could not be proportioned by having, for instance, one representative per county. This would ensure that rural communities would have the power to stand up and fight against urban centers and it would end Gerrymandering. In Colorado, the decision in Reynolds is precisely why government workers in rural regions are paid less, citizens in rural regions deal with a higher cost of living, citizens in rural regions deal with higher poverty rates, and citizens in rural regions deal with higher dropout rates. Moreover, every referendum to the state constitution originates in urban centers such as Boulder and Denver. Farmers and ranchers have no rights since every policy is dictated by urban politicians. When urban centers, for example, introduce gray wolves into the wild, there is nothing farmers and ranchers can do. Why don't urban centers consider the needs of rural Americans when voting on bills such as introducing gray wolves into the wild? First, democracies promote majoritarian failures because they protect the selfish needs and wants of majorities. Second, urban centers do not have to contend with the negative consequences of wolves killing their livestock and pets. Finally, urban politicians do not consider the long-term consequences on the cost of meats and dairy products because farmers and ranchers lose livestock and or they must install pricey security measures to protect their property.



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Misgovernment: Urban  
Powers >>>> Rural  
Powers



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Defending the  
Abandoned  
Majority

## How Does Less Government Promote More Freedom?:

What is freedom and liberty? Liberty is the ability of people to pursue their freedoms without government regulation or interference. To summarize my newsletters: Educational choice, parental rights, fewer regulations, republican state governments, lowering prices and raising income, treating citizens and businesses equally, eliminating federal government emergency powers, a flat tax, protecting federalism, cultivating solutions in the private sector, cutting spending and taxes, and reducing debt all support increased liberty and freedom for everyone.

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Restoring Liberty and  
the Constitution

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