

# Patrick Bohan Libertarian for Congress, CO-7

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## Campaign Update:

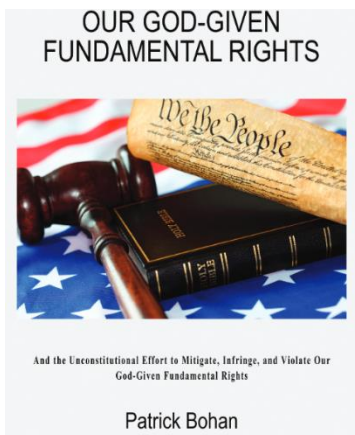
- Going door-to-door and campaigning the old fashion way resonates with voters. Even folks who will not vote for me appreciate my efforts. Voters certainly appreciate that I am not asking for anything other than a brief discussion.
- I have visited over 2500 businesses in 8 counties.
- I started small ad buys on X, Meta, and Instagram.
- If you believe in maximizing individual over government, please consider voting for me.



## Campaign Priorities:

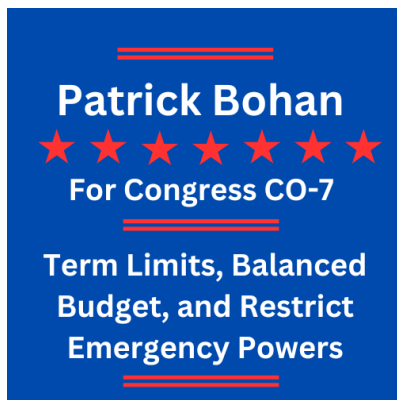
- No more polarizing politics
- Protect the rights of ALL citizens equally
- Reduce spending, debt, and taxes
- Secure our borders, not the borders of foreign nations
- Reduce regulations that are strangling businesses
- No more emergency powers for government
- Educational choice
- Provide rural Americans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

## Inflation:



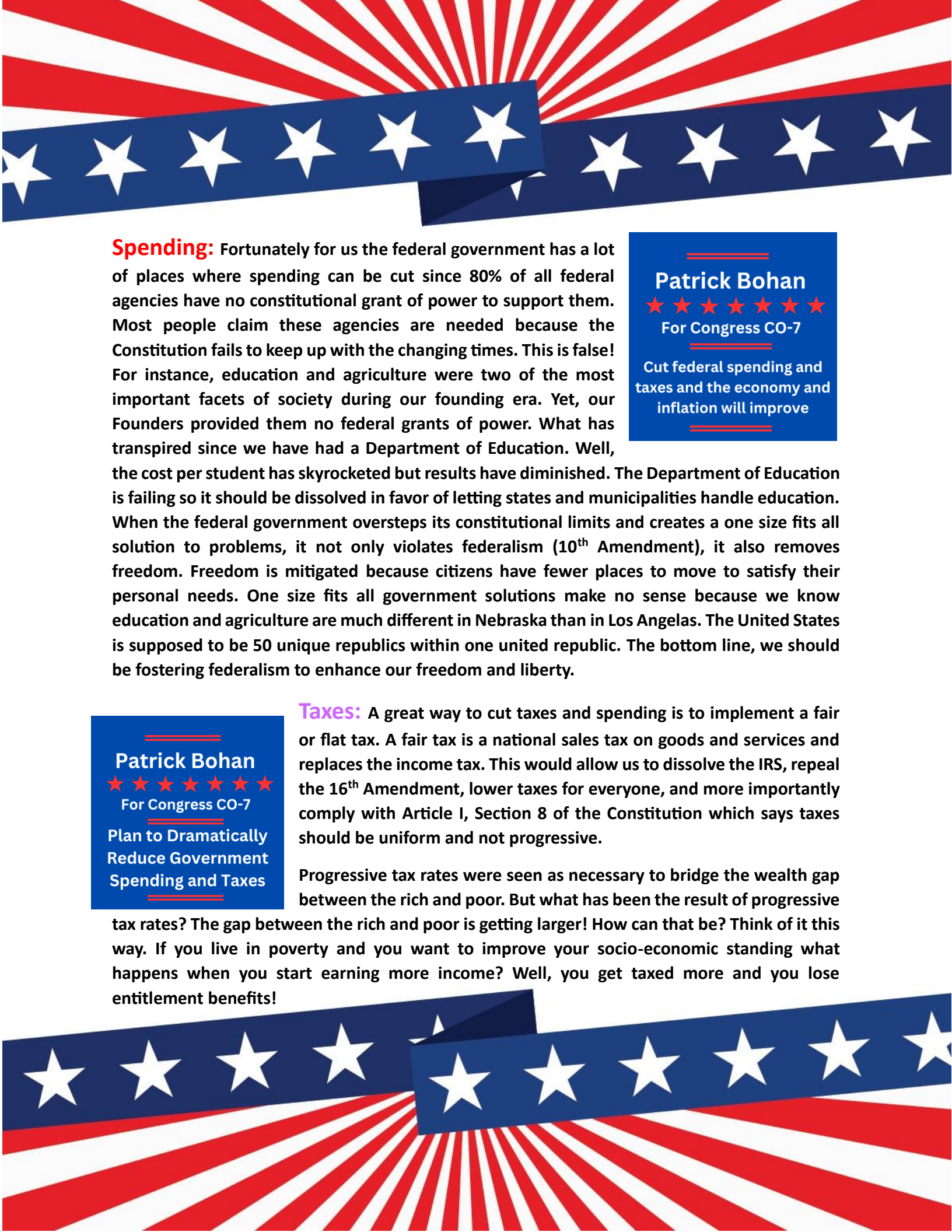
Fortunately, economists understand what causes inflation. Stagflation happens when there is a huge influx of cash into the economy which is precisely what happened when both the Trump and Biden administrations poured 8 trillion dollars into the economy for Covid relief. Unfortunately, high inflation persists even in the face of the highest interest rates we have had in a quarter of a century because Biden and Harris think they can spend their way out of inflation. Biden continues to spend trillions on the so-called Inflation Reduction Act (green energy spending), the Chips Act, student loan forgiveness, and billions more for defense contractors to build weaponry for Israel and Ukraine. The only way to get out of inflation is to stop deficit spending.

## Debt:



Here are some alarming statistics on our national debt:

- Our national debt is over 35 trillion dollars.
- Our national debt is growing at a rate of greater than 1 trillion dollars every 100 days or about 3.6 trillion annually.
- The interest on our national debt is 880 billion dollars this year alone. That would place our interest as the third largest government department in terms of spending behind social security and Medicaid but ahead of Medicare and defense spending.
- To pay off the debt, every citizen in the United States owes 105 thousand dollars.
- Our debt is a taxation without representation because it is a tax on future Americans who have no voice in Congress.
- Our debt is a national security issue because rogue countries such as China own a portion of our debt.




**Spending:** Fortunately for us the federal government has a lot of places where spending can be cut since 80% of all federal agencies have no constitutional grant of power to support them. Most people claim these agencies are needed because the Constitution fails to keep up with the changing times. This is false! For instance, education and agriculture were two of the most important facets of society during our founding era. Yet, our Founders provided them no federal grants of power. What has transpired since we have had a Department of Education. Well, the cost per student has skyrocketed but results have diminished. The Department of Education is failing so it should be dissolved in favor of letting states and municipalities handle education. When the federal government oversteps its constitutional limits and creates a one size fits all solution to problems, it not only violates federalism (10<sup>th</sup> Amendment), it also removes freedom. Freedom is mitigated because citizens have fewer places to move to satisfy their personal needs. One size fits all government solutions make no sense because we know education and agriculture are much different in Nebraska than in Los Angeles. The United States is supposed to be 50 unique republics within one united republic. The bottom line, we should be fostering federalism to enhance our freedom and liberty.

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**Taxes:** A great way to cut taxes and spending is to implement a fair or flat tax. A fair tax is a national sales tax on goods and services and replaces the income tax. This would allow us to dissolve the IRS, repeal the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment, lower taxes for everyone, and more importantly comply with Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution which says taxes should be uniform and not progressive.

Progressive tax rates were seen as necessary to bridge the wealth gap between the rich and poor. But what has been the result of progressive tax rates? The gap between the rich and poor is getting larger! How can that be? Think of it this way. If you live in poverty and you want to improve your socio-economic standing what happens when you start earning more income? Well, you get taxed more and you lose entitlement benefits!



A person must work twice as hard to go from poverty to middle class. In fact, in the face of stagflation it is easier to go from middle class to poverty than vice versa. There is very little incentive for Americans to live the American Dream by working harder. The American Dream is dying because we are in a vicious cycle where people are clamoring for more entitlements because excessive spending has increased the cost of living. To pay for excessive spending and entitlements citizens must pay higher taxes. The process is a death spiral.

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**Government is the  
problem, not the  
Solution**

Does this mean wealthy Americans will be taxed at the same rate as poorer Americans? Yes! If business owners and wealthy Americans had more money, then they could donate more money to more effective charities, create innovative solutions to problems, enhance competition, create more jobs, move manufacturing jobs back home, and pay employees more.

We must keep in mind that the federal government is the worst charity in America since only 30% of what is earmarked for the poor or its intended application gets to its cause. Government not only has massive overhead costs; it is inefficient and riddled with waste and fraud because they are a monopoly with very little oversight. In fact, many government agencies have the power to regulate and spend money without congressional oversight (a violation of the Constitution.) On the other hand, charities are over 90% efficient. Moreover, the government is an inefficient middle guy that does not innovate solutions, nor does it employ experts to understand the impact of the laws and regulations they write. Finally, charities and private sector solutions allow citizens to decide where their money is best spent instead of citizens being compelled by the government to pay taxes to fund initiatives they do not support. In summary, the private sector is where solutions are made, innovation thrives, experts are employed, and citizens truly have freedom of choice.

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