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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
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Dear Mr. President

Congratulations on a tremendous first year in office. Tea Party Patriots and our supporters are grateful for all that we've accomplished together, and for the personal sacrifices you have made to enact your "Make America Great Again" agenda.

As we move into 2018, we wanted to communicate a list of issues that are important to the tea party movement, and ensure that you'll have our full support if you drive these issues in this new year:

- **End the Congressional exemption from ObamaCare:** The biggest disappointment of 2017 was the failure to fully repeal ObamaCare. The tea party movement worked hard to put Republicans in office, on a number of occasions with the sole purpose of repealing ObamaCare. The fact that they failed to deliver on this promise is a huge disgrace, and could hurt them as they seek reelection in 2018. We feel that the best way to motivate them to repeal this law is to force them to live under the law like every other American – something they haven't had to face since President Obama ordered an illegal carve-out for Members of Congress and their staffs more than four years ago. The best part is, this is something you don't need to wait for Congress to do – you can do this yourself with the stroke of a pen, by simply directing the Office of Personnel Management to overturn its ruling of late 2013 approving Members of Congress and their staffs to purchase health insurance through the District of Columbia small business exchange – which allowed them an employer's subsidy they were not meant to receive, as indicated by both congressional debate and the plain text of the law.
- **Repeal ObamaCare:** Enacting repeal of ObamaCare's infamous individual mandate is an excellent step, but it is not enough. American voters were promised full repeal of this odious law, and we expect Republican leaders in the Congress to go back to work in 2018 to keep their promises. The repeal of the individual mandate – and with it, CBO's ability to frighten some wishy-washy Republican Senators and Representatives with its exaggerated projections of coverage losses – should greatly reduce the burden of getting Republicans to live up to their promises. But they will need strong presidential leadership to move forward on this front.
- **Secure the border and implement an America First immigration policy:** Immigration reform and border security were among the most pivotal issues in your campaign. The American people overwhelmingly want an immigration policy that puts the citizens of our country first, and this is the year that you can get that done. Securing the border with a physical barrier, ending chain migration, ending the visa lottery system, implementing our biometric entry-exit visa system, enhancing interior enforcement, increasing the number of immigration judges so the case



backlog can be reduced, and – of vital importance – ensuring that those who have already come here illegally are not rewarded for their illegal actions are the things that would put America first in an immigration system.

- **Confirm more conservative judges to the federal judiciary:** This is the biggest success of your first year in office, Mr. President. You've confirmed your first Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and no fewer than a dozen judges for the Circuit Courts of Appeal – a record unmatched by any other president in his first year in office. But there are still literally scores more vacancies through the federal judiciary left to be filled, and we look forward to working with you and your team to confirm well-qualified conservatives to fill these crucial positions.
- **Balanced Budget Amendment:** For too long, the federal government has had a spending problem that was only exacerbated under President Obama. It's time to finally put some restraint on politicians in Washington, DC, by using the bully pulpit of the presidency to get Americans on board with forcing Washington to live within its means – just as the rest of the country must.
- **Promote term limits for Congress:** Our Founders never anticipated the rise of a permanent political class; rather, they envisioned temporary public servants who would serve a limited period of time for their fellow citizens, then return home after doing their duty. Instead, the last century has seen the rise of a permanent political class whose members are divorced from the people they represent, with a resulting anger from voters who don't feel their interests are being protected. Enacting a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of Members of Congress was the very first point on your Contract with the American Voter, Mr. President, and we urge you to make this fundamental process reform a part of your second-year agenda.
- **Permanent Tax Cuts:** The tax reform package that you signed into law at the end of 2017 offered much needed relief to the American people, and will drive further economic growth. While the use of the reconciliation process required tradeoffs – including the inability to make permanent the individual tax cuts included – now that Bernie Sanders has publicly stated the tax cuts for the middle class should have been made permanent, we should use this opportunity to make those individual tax cuts permanent using regular order.

2018 will be a pivotal year in your presidency. The left, the media, and even possibly some Republicans will be gunning to weaken your position in the midterms, and the best way to ensure enthusiasm and participation by your base in November is to continue delivering on the promises you made during the campaign.

We look forward to working with you this year to continue Making America Great Again!

Sincerely,



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