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Strategic Vision for a Viable American Future

Open Letter with Free Thoughts for the New President

Dear Mr President:

In this letter I will share my thoughts about helping you become a successful and respected president on behalf of the American people by doing what is truly right. Many of your supporters are still hopeful you will come through for them; but much of the population is in the mode of resistance to your presidency and any form of success because they don't like what you stand for or what you are saying and doing. Although it's tempting to simply join in and fight with the resistance crowd, given your performance thus far; that is not what this letter is about. But before I get to that, I want to be clear whose interests I am representing; because it is these people whom you've promised to serve. And, your success or failure will be established on how well you serve their needs, along with millions of other Americans, many of whom voted for someone else or didn't even vote in the 2016 election.

Hardworking American Families: I write this open letter to you, Mr President, on behalf of the interests expressed by the tens of millions of people who put you in office by voting for you. I do not buy into the notion that these are mostly deplorable xenophobic

racists, misogynists, and bigots. In fact, although some behave that way, I see most simply as good people who, like me, are angry and have had their fill of empty promises from establishment politicians—the “old guard” and more recently, childish politicians who are intent on doing whatever it takes to get their own way in order to sustain and serve a broken and rigged system so they can stay in power.

The people I'm referring to are the hard-working American families, so many of whom are struggling, who are sick and tired of establishment political elites lying to them and picking them clean with policies that hurt ordinary American people, while giving away ever more breaks and benefits to the richest of the rich—the Wall Street corporate billionaire class. What motivated them to vote for you, Mr President, besides their passionate dislike of the Democratic candidate



Families are struggling with stress and hardship trying to make ends meet under the pressure of unaffordable healthcare and healthcare insurance costs with inadequate wages

or simply a protest vote against the system, was their belief and trust in your expressed concern for their wellbeing and the seemingly sincere promises you made to them. You told everyone: “The system is a broken disaster; and only I can fix it.” And they believed you; they believed what you said to them, that even though you are personally very rich, you are the one who represented their interests.

Our Future: The future for all these people, their children and grandchildren, is the future I care about; because it is the same future that impacts all Americans—the full range, from middle and up-

per-middle class professionals and small business owners to skilled and unskilled labor workers, union or not, urban jobs or rural agriculture. It includes the working poor struggling with less than a livable wage; and the unemployed who are trying, but either can't find work and want to, or cannot work for whatever reasons. And it includes the truly poor and destitute just trying to keep themselves and their families warm and dry and fed. Although they differ in their lot-in-life, they all want to be healthy and have healthy families, and to have a viable future for their children. And as patriotic Americans, they want to have their country's democracy work for them; starting with hav-

ing their voting rights respected and having their votes count. They care about the social and economic health of their country, as well; and of course, their safety and our country's national defense.

These are the people you claimed as "your people", Mr President, and they are the people I care about as well; even though you and I

might seem to be on the opposite sides of a wide political divide. But that might actually end up being something amenable to transformation if we both care about the wellbeing of our country and its people, now and on out into the future — and out of respect for the office of the presidency, cynicism and actual behavior thus far aside, I will take you for your word and address your performance against that throughout this letter-essay — as long as you end up doing what's truly right for us all.

Sadly, however, that has not happened thus far and the moves you are making seem only to exacerbate the problems we face. Unless you are able and willing to seriously engage in a new strategic direction, your administration will go down in deep hypocritical destruction and failure — the greatest failure in modern times, perhaps in our history. You will not be remembered as a friend of the working class. This letter to you, Mr President, is about how to turn that around.



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Thomas Paine



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