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REAL CHANGE

“Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan Chase, Credit Suisse, Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch—these are among the top contributors to Hillary Clinton, to Barack Obama, **and** to John McCain,” said Dr. Steven Porter, independent candidate for Congress in PA-03, speaking from his home today. “Most give to all three, a couple to only two. But what difference does it make? **Any** President we get will be beholden to them and will have to work with a Congress equally beholden.

“How much change should we expect from this scenario? None. And will we hear any voice of real fiscal change during the endless stream of campaign sound bytes? Probably not. Well, with this in mind,” said Porter, “I’d like to voice a policy of **real** fiscal change—not that I expect anyone to listen.

“The policy is to stop falling for the brainwashing which programs Americans to say ‘I want it ALL, and I want it NOW!’ and to adopt a behavior of personal responsibility.

“Here are a few ways to do it. (1) Try working your way through college—even if it means a state school and takes 6 or 7 years. So you’re twenty-four when you graduate and you only have a Bachelor’s from the State U. It ain’t the end of the world. You’ve got a degree; you’re young; and you’re not in debt. (2) When you get married, practice some birth control for the first ten years while you and your spouse work. Live on one income and bank the other. If you both went to State U., you’ll probably bank enough money (with interest) to buy your first home outright. Buy it. You’ll own it; you’ll have no mortgage payments (for which you will, no doubt, get a much better purchase deal); and you can then have a child without going into hock. (3) Throw away your credit cards and only buy what you can afford—that includes your automobiles. (4) Don’t have more children unless you can afford them.

“Of course the discipline to do this isn’t going to be recommended by the folks who fund our politicians because they make their money from Americans programmed to live beyond their means—with the hope that when either individuals or banks screw up to the point of collapse, Uncle Sam will come up with some kind of bale out—usually first and foremost for the banks.

“But at least don’t say that now you haven’t heard an alternative, something you can do all by yourself, which represents **real** change.”