

# The Scandal that's Costing You Thousands of Dollars Every Year

Did you know that the typical family pays more in TAXES than it does for food, clothing, and shelter *combined*?

That's right. If you add up every dime you've ever spent on mortgage and rent ... and every nickel you've ever spent to feed and clothe your family ... it won't even come close to the amount of money you've paid the government!

With that kind of money being siphoned out of our wallets, it's no wonder so many struggle to get ahead ... with both husband and wife working long hours just to pay the bills.

And for what? So wasteful bureaucrats can throw our money down a rat hole? So money-grubbing politicians can use it to pay back favors to the special interests who got them elected? So the IRS can harass citizens and treat them as "guilty until proven innocent?"

## It's A Scandal

The out-of-control spending in Washington boggles the mind. There's the \$1 million Congress spent to preserve a sewer in New Jersey as a historic monument. The \$58,000 spent on gold-embossed playing cards for the Vice President's jet. The \$581 million spent on fighter planes that the Department of Defense had already rated "unsatisfactory" two years earlier.

And don't get me started on the tragic disaster in Iraq, which has already cost \$486 billion. Do you know what would happen if we had used that money to protect ourselves against terrorism instead? According to one study, the money would be enough to:

- safeguard our ports
- upgrade our coast guard fleet
- secure our nuclear power plants
- secure major roads and rails
- improve airport security
- hire 100,000 additional police officers
- and still have \$412 billion left over!

But instead, the money is spent on a senseless war that has already killed over 3,900 American soldiers ... plus hundreds of thousands of civilians.

## Whose Fault?

Politicians of all stripes are to blame for the war. And both parties are to blame for out-of-control spending and higher taxes. Democrats consistently raise taxes to pay for their pet programs. Republicans give us tax cuts ... but then quietly add hidden fees, buried in the fine print of the Tax Code.

Even worse, the current President ran as a fiscal conservative, then went on the biggest spending spree in history. He leaves behind a debt so astronomical that our children and grandchildren will have to make huge sacrifices to pay it.

It's no wonder that every time there's an election, half of Americans choose to stay home rather than voting for either candidate!

If you're one of those Americans, I don't blame you for being disillusioned. But today I want to tell you about something easy that you can do to make a difference.

This "something" doesn't involve writing letters to Congress or making phone calls. And it doesn't involve making political donations. In fact, it doesn't cost any money at all. And best of all, it

takes just a few minutes to do. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have already started doing it ... and many more will be doing it in the next few days.

What is it that I'm asking you to do? Simply to go to <http://RegisterMe2008.com> and register for your state's Republican primary. Then vote for Ron Paul on primary day.

## Who Is This Man?

Ron Paul is the only presidential candidate who preaches fiscal responsibility and has a voting record to prove it. Once considered a long-shot candidate with no chance of winning, Ron Paul has already received more votes than Rudy Giuliani and Fred Thompson in early primaries.

He has also raised more money than any other Republican candidate. And unlike other candidates, Ron Paul's campaign money doesn't come from special interests. It comes from ordinary Americans like you and me. (In fact, special interests and lobbyists *hate* Ron Paul because he keeps introducing legislation that would end their power and influence.)

## Why Is He Becoming So Popular?

Ron Paul is becoming popular because of his fight for freedom, privacy, low taxes, a strong dollar, a sound economic policy, and a respect for the rights of all Americans. He's also well-respected for his honesty and integrity, and for never flip-flopping.

## Here are some things you should know about him:

- Has never voted for an unbalanced budget in his entire 20-year career as a lawmaker
- Has never voted for higher taxes
- Has never taken a government-paid junket
- He does not participate in the generous Congressional pension Program which is paid for by taxpayers
- He returns a portion of his annual congressional budget to the U.S. Treasury every year
- He never voted to increase his pay as a Congressman
- He has been given the nickname "Dr. No" for consistently voting against wasteful programs
- Consistently votes against any laws that limit the freedom and privacy of American citizens
- Voted *for* sending troops to Afghanistan to hunt down the terrorists ... but voted *against* the invasion of Iraq, correctly predicting that it would become a huge mess. (Too bad more people didn't listen to him.)
- Has introduced important legislation to hunt down terrorists
- Has received more contributions from the men and women in our armed forces than any other candidate
- Has introduced legislation protecting patients' rights to choose their health care
- Consistently votes for a strong defense and the protection of our borders
- Consistently votes against hand-outs to special interests

- Believes in equal rights for *all* Americans, regardless of race, color, creed, or economic class
- Is getting support from voters of all political persuasions, including Democrats and Republicans ... liberals and conservatives ... old and young ... black and white ... rich and poor. All are all putting aside their differences and supporting Ron Paul, thanks to his powerful message and principled integrity. It's no wonder he's becoming known as "the independent thinker's candidate."

## Can He Really Win?

The spin-doctors from the special interests want you to believe that Ron Paul can't win. One news organization even went so far as to exclude him from a public forum they held with the other candidates. Why? Maybe they're afraid if he does win, the days of the Big Government Gravy Train will be over.

If anyone tells you Ron Paul can't win, check the online polls on AOL. You'll see him leading in more states than any other Republican candidate.

Ron Paul has a true shot at winning, and many patriotic citizens know this. These citizens are out campaigning, they're running ads using money out of their own pockets, and they'll be voting in their state primaries.

I personally believe that Ron Paul will be our next President. I also believe that in a sense, we're *already* winning. Why? Because we're getting the message out ... and moving people to action ... and sending a clear message to the free-spenders in Washington that change is coming.

## Won't you join us?

In order to vote for Ron Paul in your state's primary, you must register to vote. And in some states, you must be a registered Republican. So please log on to <http://RegisterMe2008.com> and click on your state. You'll get all the information you need, plus a simple form to fill out.

But you must act now! The deadline to register is only days away in many states.

My fellow American, this could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We may never see a candidate with more integrity and a better message or track record. Please drop what you're doing now and go to <http://RegisterMe2008.com>. Get registered before the cut-off date. Then vote for Ron Paul in the Republican Primary. Let's send a clear message to the special interests and the tax-and-spend politicians, telling them we're not going to take it anymore!

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

*Signature Here*

P.S. In the unlikely event that you cannot get on RegisterMe2008.com, please use the back-up website [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

P.P.S. The Internet is by far the easiest way to get your voter registration form. If you don't have Internet access, please go to the library or have a friend log on for you. If you can't do that either, you may call the *League of Women Voters* at 202-429-1965 and press "0" for the operator. Thank you.