

Fellow Patriot(s):

A small committee of American citizens from across the nation and from every walk-of-life has created a Petition for Redress of Grievances that we hope will provide a consistent vehicle for delivering a powerful message to OUR government.

We hope you will find it fitting to use this petition at Tea Parties and other rallies. We hope you will help spread the word online and in person.

To create this document, we used Benjamin Franklin's original Petition of Redress to King George III. We also borrowed much from Jefferson, Madison and the Federalist Papers.

We believe this Petition for Redress is the right thing to do based on founding precedent and our First Amendment rights.

The United States Constitution is a LIMITING document. If authority is not enumerated, it has not been granted by We the People of the United States of America.

Our approach with this petition is to list general Constitution based grievances and be ready with specific examples. We chose not to cite specific examples because the task would have been overwhelming, this document very long and the task likely impossible.

We maintain a developing list of specific examples, explanations and discussion of this document at the 912forum.com. You are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Our representatives have all taken oaths to uphold the Constitution. It is incumbent upon them to do so. Thus, our primary question to them is to prove by what Constitutional authority they are acting in certain instances.

They work for us! We need to remind them.

We do surround them! **Now, let them hear from us in one loud and united voice.**

Humbly,

The 912 Committee to Petition for Redress of Grievances

To the United States Congress, United States Supreme Court and President of the United States:

Whereas, the First Amendment guarantees our right to Petition for Redress of Grievances, and

Whereas, the Senators and Representatives, all executives and judicial officers of the United States are bound by oath or affirmation to support the Constitution, and

Whereas, the Ninth and Tenth Amendments provide that powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people, and

Whereas, the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees equal protection of the laws, and

Whereas, The Article 1 of the Constitution prohibits both the federal government and the states from passing either bills of attainder or *ex post facto* laws, and

Whereas, the Supreme Court has insisted that "a Bill of Attainder may affect the life of an individual, or *may confiscate his property*, or may do both", and

Whereas, "All laws which are repugnant to the constitution are null and void" (Marbury v Madison, 5 US (2Cranch) 137, 174, 176 (1803)) and,

Whereas, We the People, have been betrayed through treachery and breach of allegiance, by those entrusted with the responsibility to safe guard our liberty and the United States Constitution,

We the People, in seeking Redress of Grievances, as is our right under Amendment I of the United States Constitution, ask this question of each branch of Federal Government:

"Where in the Constitution do you find authorization for each and all of the following?"

1. The redistribution of property by force and subterfuge; and the unequal application of tax laws amounting to punitive action against certain groups of American People and providing favored status to other groups
2. A paper money system that is morally and economically equivalent to counterfeiting
3. Willful and purposeful devaluation and destruction of American currency
4. Deploying military to fight undeclared wars
5. Targeting and labeling law-abiding American citizens as domestic terrorists
6. Declarations that disagreeing with policy is unpatriotic or disloyal to our country
7. Intrusions into the privacy of law-abiding American citizens
8. Perpetual massive indebtedness to foreign countries
9. Infringement upon the rights of the People to keep and bear arms through oppressive regulation and taxation designed for the very purpose of infringement
10. Passing laws and taxes without deliberation and without reading the legislation; said action is tantamount to the American People not having any representation
11. Enacting *ex post facto* laws and Bills of Attainder
12. Granting Constitutional rights and privileges to illegal aliens and prisoners of war
13. Funding mercenary organizations that engage in voter fraud and paid harassment of law abiding American citizens
14. Maintaining and deploying armies in peace time on United States soil
15. Unprecedented and arbitrary federal power, through the United States Treasury, for government intervention into, control of, and confiscation of, private property, private

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industry including but not limited to banking, insurance, manufacturing, farming and other sectors of the private economy (current and proposed)

16. Requiring involuntary servitude or governmental service other than a draft during a declared war, or pursuant to, or as an alternative to, incarceration after due process of law (proposed)
17. Requiring involuntary servitude or governmental service of persons under the age of 18 other than pursuant to, or as an alternative to, incarceration after due process of law (proposed)
18. Acts regarding religion; further limitations on freedom of political speech; or further limitations on freedom of the press (proposed)

We the People of the United States of America, who cherish liberty, taking into our most serious consideration, the best means of assuring our continued constitutional rights of self governance, as our ancestors in like cases have done, for asserting and vindicating our rights and liberties, declare,

That the citizens of the United States of America, by the immutable laws of nature, the principles of the United States Constitution, Supreme Court case law and the Federalist Papers, have the following Rights:

- We are entitled to life, liberty, and property, and we have never ceded to any sovereign power whatever, a right to dispose of these without our consent.
- The three branches of the United States government derive their just powers solely from the consent of the governed.
- We the people have the right and the obligation to alter or abolish any government that becomes destructive of the inalienable rights endowed by our Creator and rights codified in the United States Constitution.
- We have the right peaceably to assemble, consider our grievances, petition the three branches of the Federal Government; and that all prosecutions, prohibitory and proclamations, defamatory declarations, and commitments for the same, are illegal.
- We the People of the United States of America, do claim, demand, and insist on, as our indubitable rights and liberties that the federal government must be answerable and accountable to the people; which cannot be legally taken from us, altered or abridged by any power whatever, without our own consent, and said consent has never been given.

In the course of our inquiry, we find numerous infringements and violations of the foregoing rights; which demonstrate systemic corruption formed to subvert and destroy our constitutional republic and to enslave the American people.

We submit this Petition for Redress of Grievances in an ardent desire that precious liberty be restored to ourselves and preserved for future generations of Americans.

This Petition for Redress of Grievances serves as notice and demand by the American People to the federal government, as our agent: 1) To cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of the constitutionally delegated powers; 2) To formally and publicly recognize the natural and Constitutional rights of the American People in a manner appropriate to each branch of government (resolution, proclamation, statement); 3) To answer, point by point the question contained herein; 4) To honor your oaths to support the Constitution or resign immediately from your positions.

Signatures (format two)

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To sign online, visit 912Petitions.com.

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Instructions:

Please let us know (email 912petition@912petitions.com) if you are going to use this petition!

Mail original signature pages and one copy to: Scott Herron, P.O. Box 34, Butler, TN 37640

Be sure to make and keep a copy for yourselves.

What happens next? We intend to deliver all of the signatures collected online and hardcopy to the United States Congress, Supreme Court and President.

When? That question is up in the air right now. We are hoping to combine efforts with a big DC rally and make a show of delivering this to Congress as well as the other branches of government.

[A third Petition Signature format is available here.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Do you need an attorney to make sure this is legal and valid?

Answer: No.

This question came up early when we first started drafting the petition. Along with other sites, the legal database (<http://www.legal-database.com/how-do-i-start-a-petition.htm>) states:

“As you probably have seen, there are a gamut of petitions online these days, and every time you go to the polls to vote, you are probably ambushed with 20 people asking you to sign their petition. So, what makes a petition legal?”

Good question. The answer, however, has nothing to do with the law. Unless it is a petition with certain legal requirements, such as one where you are running for office and need a certain number of signatures, petitions are very informal affairs. However, you should clearly state the purpose of the petition at the top, and the signatures should be authentic, with some identifying information, such as an address, particularly if it's jurisdictional. Finally, [B]petitions aren't so much legal documents, but simply a way of showing someone you have support for the issue or issues. If you can verify that the support you have through signatures is authentic, you should be on solid grounds.

Also, if you Google “Legal Requirements for a Petition” you will find many more sources that provide a very similar answer.

We are being very careful to verify every online signature via email. Many signatures are being gathered on hard copies of the petitions as well.

Question: Why do you use the phrase “life, liberty and property” rather than “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?”

The phrase “life, liberty and property” is derived from the works of John Locke. Locke was very influential on the thinking and writings of the founding fathers. Draft versions of the Declaration of Independence used the word “property” rather than the phrase “pursuit of happiness.”

Moreover, the phrase “life, liberty and property” is explicitly guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Question: What about that Snopes article that says all Internet petitions are not valid?

Answer:

First, this is not an e-mail petition as discussed in the Snopes article. It is an online petition and hardcopy petition effort combined.

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Second, the Snopes article does not say that the government does not recognize email (or online) petitions.

It does say that online petition signatures could easily be falsified by any hack programmer. For our online part, a signature is not counted until a signer has been confirmed as having a valid email address. Our signers are verifiable and that is the important aspect.

Third, the Snopes article is very clearly an opinion piece that does not cite any relevant or reliable sources (court decisions, rejected petitions or otherwise) to back their opinions.

Fourth, and I quote:

"Millions of Americans, including national leaders, who rely on the popular online hoax-buster Snopes.com as the ultimate authority in separating truth from fiction, may be surprised to learn that behind the Wizard's curtain, is just a husband and wife doing research on their own.

In fact, Snopes, routinely cited by many as the final word on both frivolous and important stories, is not the well-staffed think tank of researchers, journalists and computer hacks one might expect – but rather, the work of David and Barbara Mikkelson, living in a Los Angeles suburb. "

The important thing to do with a petition, whether online, email or hard copy, is to be sure that the signatures are verifiable. That is why we are careful with validating the online signature emails.

If you still have concerns about validity but would like to sign. Please print a copy, sign and mail it back to me at:

Scott Herron / P. O. Box 34 / Butler, TN

You may also send an email to 912petition@912petitions.com - I will respond personally. If you want to include a phone number in your email, I will call you on my nickel so you can verify that I am a real person.

You can see the Snopes article at the link below.

<http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/petition/internet.asp>

Question: “Deploying military to fight undeclared wars.” What does that mean?

Answer:

First, this is not a commentary for or against our military or their efforts in Iraq or Afghanistan.

On 10/3/2002, Representative Ron Paul of Texas made a motion to declare war on Iraq. Chairman Henry Hyde rejected the motion by declaring:

Henry Hyde: "There are things in the Constitution that have been overtaken by events, by time. Declaration of war is one of them. There are things no longer relevant to a modern society. Why declare war if you don't have to? We are saying to the President, use your judgment. So, to demand that we declare war is to strengthen something to death. You have got a hammerlock on this situation, and it is not called for. Inappropriate, anachronistic, it isn't done anymore."

Additional Articles about this topic:

<http://www.newnation.org/Archives/NNN-Guest-Column-28.html>

<http://www.breitbart.tv/?p=3958>

Our country, if it is going to fight a war, should formally declare war. For one thing, that is the Constitutional thing to do. Second, if Congress declares war, it will make it more difficult for them to waver in their support of our service men and women who are in harms way.

Question: "Maintaining and deploying armies in peace time on United States soil." What does this mean exactly? Does that mean you are against having training and military bases here in the United States?

Answer:

First, of course it does **not** mean that we are against having training and military bases here in the United States.

However, it is un-Constitutional for deployed for active duty on American soil.

NORCOM has a 20,000 member civil-unrest rapid deployment unit(s) actively deployed on U.S. soil.

What Glenn Beck has said about this:

"The only source I could find on that day was in Stars and Stripes and I knew that Stars and Stripes wasn't going to print something about the troops that wasn't true, and I brought that story to you. Now, these guys are being deployed for security for chemical, biological, terrorist activity, natural disaster. But this is what the National Guard is for. The reason why our founding fathers said there would be no standing army is because the federal government has no place in your town. The power to order troops, the power to be able to have people with weapons in your neighborhood must not ever be in the hands of the President or the congress. It must be in the hand of the individual governors. Our founders knew this. 20,000 -- this is a battalion. This is something entirely new."

<http://www.glennbeck.com/content/articles/article/198/18737/>

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http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/11/30/AR2008113002217_pf.html

Question: What is an “ex post facto” law?

Answer:

The legal definition of ex post facto law is as follows:

Statutes that make an act punishable as a crime when such an act was not an offense when committed.

In other words, passing a punitive law that is retroactive. An example is the 90% tax on AIG bonuses.

Question: What is a “Bill of Attainder?”

Answer:

The legal definition of a “bill of attainder” is as follows:

BILL OF ATTAINDER, legislation, punishment. An act of the legislature by which one or more persons are declared to be attainted, and their property confiscated.

Since bonus money is property, the AIG bonus law can be shown to be a bill of attainder.

Detailed Research and Discussion of the Grievances

1. The redistribution of property by force and subterfuge; and the unequal application of tax laws amounting to punitive action against certain groups of American People and providing favored status to other groups

Article I, Section 8. ... all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

Imposts are something imposed or levied : tax

In a progressive tax, the more you earn, the higher your tax rate.

Another example: AIG bonus tax bill, in the House version a 90 percent tax on bonuses given to employees with family incomes above \$250,000 at American International Group and other companies that have received at least \$5 billion in government bailout money, would be imposed. This is not a uniform tax, therefore unconstitutional.

2. A paper money system that is morally and economically equivalent to counterfeiting

The Federal Reserve is an independent central bank whose decisions, especially in the area of setting the rates of credit, do not have to be ratified by the President or Congress. The Constitution gives Congress the power to coin money and set its value. Congress delegated this power to the Federal Reserve in the 1913 Federal Reserve Act, which also allowed the Fed to set credit rates in the United States. Constitutionally only Congress has the authority to have money coined, or in this case printed. It is not under the powers of the Treasury Department, at the behest of the Fed, to print money without express congressional consent.

President Woodrow Wilson 1913 after signing the Federal Reserve Act:

"I am a most unhappy man. I have unwittingly ruined my country.

A great industrial nation is controlled by its system of credit.

Our system of credit is concentrated. The growth of the nation, therefore, and all our activities are in the hands of a few men."

3. Willful and purposeful devaluation and destruction of American currency

On the same day that the story broke concerning the payment of bonuses to AIG executives. The Treasury was printing over a Trillion dollars in Fiat money in an effort to buy back our own debt. They quite literally created money out of thin air, with nothing to back it up. Many do not understand the term FIAT money. FIAT money is currency that a government has declared to be legal tender, despite the fact that it has no intrinsic value and is not backed by reserves.

4. Deploying military to fight UNDECLARED wars

This grievance states not that we are against the Iraq War, but simply that our fighting men and women are fighting in a war that was not a DECLAIRED war. It is not the War that is unconstitutional, it is the fact that it was not declared that is unconstitutional.

Rep. Henry Hyde 10/03/02 in reference to a Formal Declaration of War on Iraq:

"There are things in the Constitution that have been overtaken by events,

by time. Declaration of war is one of them." , "Why declare war if you don't have to?", "Inappropriate, anachronistic, it isn't done anymore."

5. Targeting and labeling law-abiding American citizens as domestic terrorists

On Feb 20, the MIAC (Missouri Information Analysis Center) released a non classified but Law Enforcement Sensitive report to law enforcement officials in Missouri. While the Missouri report got plenty of press, what wasn't reported on is the fact that like reports were distributed to law enforcement throughout the country. The Department of Homeland Security released to numerous fusion centers, like MIAC, information regarding militia units and the possibility of them being considered domestic terrorists.

The MAIC report specifically states that the following groups could be dangerous and possible Militia members, or even domestic terrorists:

- - Religious Groups of any denomination.
 - Constitutionalists, or those who believe the government has gotten away from the Constitution.
 - Anti-Abortionists
 - Anti Tax, or Fair Tax advocates
 - Anti illegal immigrationists, or those that believe in strengthening our borders.
 - Those who believe that they are part of the voice of "The People".
 - Anti-Gun Control advocates, members of the NRA.
 - Those concerned about a "New World Order, or "New World Government".
 - Anyone displaying any means of questioning the Government (considered anti-government paraphernalia) ex : The Gadsden flag in any form
 - Anyone concerned about the possible passage of Universal Service Program or create a possible Civilian Defense Force with a mandatory service requirement for people between the ages of 18 and 25. ex: The GIVE Act

6. Declarations that disagreeing with policy is unpatriotic or disloyal to our country

Quotes:

Feb 25, 2009: Barney Frank: "I don't think we found any Republican minds today, [T]hey shut their minds down. That they are so afraid of being yelled at by Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity that they won't even clap for him [Obama] when they agree with him."

Nov 18, 2005: Nancy Pelosi: Anti-war House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi is blasting last night's 403 to 3 House vote in support of U.S. troops and their mission in Iraq, calling it "a disgrace." Complaining that House Republicans had engaged in a "deception" by calling for a last minute vote on the Iraq war, the San Francisco Democrat said the pro-troop resolution was "a disservice to our country."

7. Intrusions into the privacy of law-abiding American citizens

USA PATRIOT Act.

There are significant flaws in the Patriot Act, flaws that threaten your fundamental freedoms by giving the government the power to access to your medical records, tax records, information about the books you buy or borrow without probable cause, and the power to break into your home and conduct secret searches without telling you for weeks, months, or indefinitely.

Smart Grid:

The Smart Grid is a concept that would use intelligent networking and automation to better control the flow and delivery of electricity to consumers. It is “a fully automated power delivery network that monitors and controls every customer and node, ensuring a two-way flow of electricity and information between the power plant and the appliance, and all points in between. Smart Grid is closely related to the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), and both programs are designed to spy on Americans.

8. Perpetual massive indebtedness to foreign countries

[MAJOR FOREIGN HOLDERS OF TREASURY SECURITIES](#)

(<http://www.treas.gov/tic/mfh.txt>)

9. Infringement upon the rights of the People to keep and bear arms through oppressive regulation and taxation designed for the very purpose of infringement

The Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act. Establishes a nationwide system for prohibiting unlicensed gun-ownership. If approved, the law would require gun owners to apply for five-year licenses to own firearms, and would give the U.S. Attorney General broad authority over the program.

In General- In order to be issued a firearm license under this title, an individual shall submit to the Attorney General an application, which shall include--

- a current, passport-sized photograph of the applicant that provides a clear, accurate likeness of the applicant;
- The name, address, and date and place of birth of the applicant;
- any other name that the applicant has ever used or by which the applicant has ever been known;
- a clear thumb print of the applicant, which shall be made when, and in the presence of the entity to whom, the application is submitted;
- with respect to each category of person prohibited by Federal law, or by the law of the State of residence of the applicant, from obtaining a firearm, a statement that the individual is not a person prohibited from obtaining a firearm;
- a certification by the applicant that the applicant will keep any firearm owned by the applicant safely stored and out of the possession of persons who have not attained 18 years of age;

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- certificate attesting to the completion at the time of application of a written firearms examination, which shall test the knowledge and ability of the applicant regarding--
- the safe storage of firearms, particularly in the vicinity of persons who have not attained 18 years of age;
- the safe handling of firearms
- the use of firearms in the home and the risks associated with such use;
- the legal responsibilities of firearms owners, including Federal, State, and local laws relating to requirements for the possession and storage of firearms, and relating to reporting requirements with respect to firearms; and
- any other subjects, as the Attorney General determines to be appropriate;
- an authorization by the applicant to release to the Attorney General or an authorized representative of the Attorney General any mental health records pertaining to the applicant;
- the date on which the application was submitted; and the signature of the applicant.

H.R. 45 would require a federal license for all handguns and semiautomatics, including those you currently possess; and it would require handgun and semi-auto owners to be thumbprinted at the police station and to sign a certificate that, effectively, the firearm will not be kept in a place where it would be available for the defense of the gun owner's family.

Ammunition Accountability Act would require the manufacturer to code all ammunition in a database on every ammunition sale. Doing so would track how much ammunition was purchased, by whom and what calibers. All ammunition that is not coded must be destroyed. The provisions of this bill would also charge gun owners an additional 5-cent tax on every round.

10. Passing laws and taxes without deliberation and without reading the legislation; said action is tantamount to the American People not having any representation

Of the 535 members of the United States House and Senate, 246 House members and 60 members of the august Senate voted for the \$787 billion stimulus bill without having read a single one of the bill's 1,071 pages or having any idea of where all of this money borrowed from our grandchildren is going to be spent. (Phil Brennan Newsmax.com)

GOP Leader Boehner on the floor of the US House: "Here we are with 11 hundred pages. 11 hundred pages that not one member of this body has read, not one. There may be some staffer over in Appropriations committee that read all of this last night. I dont know how you could read 11 hundred pages between midnight and now. Not one member's read this. What happened to the promise that we're gunna let the American people see whats in this bill for 48 hours? But no, we dont have time to do that."

11. Enacting ex post facto laws and Bills of Attainder

Article I, section 9 specifically states “No bill of attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed. “

A BILL OF ATTAINDER is legislation, punishment. An act of the legislature by which one or more persons are declared to be attainted, and their property confiscated. An Ex Post Facto Laws are statutes that make an act punishable as a crime when such an act was not an offense when committed.

Since bonus money can be considered property, the AIG bonus law can be shown to be a bill of attainder. Again clearly the tax on the AIG bonuses are unconstitutional because there was no law concerning taxing bonuses when the AIG executives were awarded their bonuses, yet clearly the sole purpose of the bonus tax is to punish the executives for a crime that was not a crime when they received the bonuses.

12. Granting Constitutional rights and privileges to illegal aliens and prisoners of war

President Barack Obama’s intelligence chief that that some Guantanamo inmates may be released on US soil and receive assistance to return to society.

“If we are to release them in the United States, we need some sort of assistance for them to start a new life,” said National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair at his first press conference. “You can’t just put them on the street,” he added. “All that is work in progress.”

June, 2008: The supreme court ruled in favor of the enemy combatants held at GITMO, they have ruled that the enemy is entitled to the rights of Americans citizens to a civilian trial.

Judge Michael W. Straus found that the constitutional rights of sixteen illegal aliens had been violated and that they would be allowed to proceed with their civil rights case.

Demanding ‘civil rights’ for illegal aliens — is part of a broader strategy by the open borders set to provide illegal aliens with all the benefits of citizenship, to make it harder to deport them.

13. Funding mercenary organizations that engage in voter fraud and paid harassment of law abiding American citizens

Fox News January 27, 2009: Republican lawmakers are raising concerns that ACORN, the low-income advocacy group under investigation for voter registration fraud, could be eligible for billions in aid from the economic stimulus proposal.

The Connecticut Working Families Party (CWF) organized a bus tour that will make stops at Wilton, Connecticut, AIG office as well as the security-patrolled homes of AIG execs who are fearing for their lives.

From CWF's website:

Working Families Party Making Inroads

by Scott Whipple (New Britain Herald) Oct. 28th, 2008

"Asked about the party's joint founder, ACORN (The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), Dinkin said "while it's fair to say that ACORN has a role in Working Families, allegations of voter fraud against ACORN are trumped up."

KMBC-TV Kansas City Mo.(from KMBC website)

"Federal indictments allege the four turned in false voter registration applications. Prosecutors said the indictments are part of a national investigation."

After the federal indictments were handed up in Kansas City, the U.S. Attorney's office said in a statement that "This national investigation is very much ongoing."

14. Maintaining and deploying armies in peace time on United States soil

A new set of war plans developed at Northern Command headquarters in Colorado Springs calls for the use of National Guardsmen and active-duty troops to be part of the domestic response team in the case of a terrorist attack on domestic soil. On the surface, it sounds like a good idea, but this plan could be used to have a military presence around for anywhere the government deems unsafe or insecure. It's not a stretch to see this as a way of instituting martial law. There are critics of the change, in the military and among civil liberties groups and libertarians who express concern that the new homeland emphasis threatens to strain the military and possibly undermine the Posse Comitatus Act, a 130-year-old federal law restricting the military's role in domestic law enforcement. (Washington Post, 12/01/08)

15. Unprecedented and arbitrary federal power, through the United States Treasury, for government intervention into, control of, and confiscation of, private property, private industry including but not limited to banking, insurance, manufacturing, farming and other sectors of the private economy (current and proposed)

Source: LA Times

"Reporting from Washington -- President Obama's plan to save failing U.S. automakers -- and make them the instruments for creating a cleaner, greener transportation system -- marked a major step across the line that traditionally separates government from private industry.

His announcement Monday of a new position on bailing out Detroit went beyond a desire to be sure tax dollars were not wasted in bailing out struggling companies. It put the Obama

administration squarely in the position of adopting a so-called industrial policy, in which government officials, not business executives or the free market, decided what kinds of products a company would make and how it would chart its future."

16. Requiring involuntary servitude or governmental service other than a draft during a declared war, or pursuant to, or as an alternative to, incarceration after due process of law (proposed)

Section removed from the bill that passed, but clearly still desired by proponents of the GIVE Act:

Section 6104 of The Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act requires that a commission be established to investigate, "Whether a workable, fair, and reasonable mandatory service requirement for all able young people could be developed, and how such a requirement could be implemented in a manner that would strengthen the social fabric of the Nation and overcome civic challenges by bringing together people from diverse economic, ethnic, and educational backgrounds."

17. Requiring involuntary servitude or governmental service of persons under the age of 18 other than pursuant to, or as an alternative to, incarceration after due process of law (proposed)

Refer to answer to Grievance 16.

From the GIVE Act:

(E) establishing effective outreach and dissemination of information to ensure the broadest possible involvement of community-based agencies with demonstrated effectiveness in working with school-age youth in their communities; and

‘(F) establishing effective outreach and dissemination of information to ensure the broadest possible participation of schools throughout the State, with particular attention to schools identified for school improvement under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.);

18. Acts regarding religion; further limitations on freedom of political speech; or further limitations on freedom of the press (proposed)

Fairness Act

This act is written as an attempt to silence the Conservative Radio movement, especially Internet radio and XM/Sirius, as well as conservative radio stations on the airwaves. Liberal and left wing organizations have a virtual lock on the television and written media, and as of yet, the only bastion for conservatism is in talk radio, which has remained staunchly conservative despite their efforts to take over the medium. Typically a liberal tactic, if they can not deal with something in the private sector, then they will attempt to legislate it. This is that attempt.

[You can see the most current version of these talking points here.](#)

(<http://www.912forum.com/showthread.php?t=419>)