May 20, 2014

**Be the Change**
*"Things alter for the worse spontaneously, if they be not altered for the better designedly." ~ Francis Bacon*

Dear friends and strangers:

I’d like to ask a small favor of you. I’d like you to run for Vermont General Assembly in the 2014 elections.

Huh, you say?

I’m sure you believe as I do that our country’s government is in serious trouble due to the political mess called Congress, and Vermont’s in trouble as well. You probably think there’s nothing YOU can do about it but keep voting for candidates you know make empty promises they can’t (or won’t) keep, or just vote by the party you’ve always clung to.

Wrong.

Our political system wasn’t mandated by the United States Constitution; it is merely a tradition born in an era where most people were illiterate peasants who had no access to the information needed to make sound political decisions, and no right to do so. That’s not true today, so why not change how we turn bills into laws?

Today we:

1. Vote for candidates who make a lot of promises
2. They go to Washington and the state capitols and make a lot of noise
3. Then they vote for compromise bills nobody wants and, increasingly, nobody understands.

What if we:

1. Write no more than 3 short and simple bills that solve our biggest problems in a way that everyone can understand and most can agree with
2. Ask non-politicians to run for office after signing a contract to ONLY vote FOR those 3 bills as written each election cycle
3. Then bills AGREED UPON BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS pass into law without wasted time or special interest intervention.

Introducing VoteKISS: vote to keep it short and simple.

As a VoteKISS candidate, you wouldn’t have to spend one dime campaigning or one minute fundraising. If elected, there would be no politics. You simply vote for the 3 bills in your contract, help your constituents with their governmental problems to the limit of your ability, and collect $510 a week.

What’s the catch? You need to be a Vermont resident for at least 2 years and for your district for 1 year, at least 18 years old, speak/read/write fluent English, have basic computer literacy skills, and sign the short & simple VoteKISS contract on the next page. You also need to collect 100 signatures from friends and family and submit them by June 12 to the Vermont Secretary of State’s office.

That’s it, except for signing a few state forms for ballot access. What about all those campaign finance rules? They don’t apply if you don’t spend any money campaigning. VoteKISS does the fundraising and campaigning for the group as a whole.

But time is of the essence. June 12, 2014 is the cutoff date to get on the ballot.

Please help me grow this revolutionary concept. If you can’t/won’t run, forward this to YOUR friends and family. I can’t do it without you! Love, Laurel LaFramboise

**Contractual Agreement to be a VoteKISS Vermont General Assembly candidate in the 2014 elections**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, VoteKISS candidate for the federal office of (include district # if U.S. House representative\*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby contract with VoteKISS that if I am elected I will ONLY perform the following official actions:

 1.        I will vote YES for the 28th US Constitutional Amendment proposal as written in final form by November 1, 2014.

 2.        I will vote YES to repeal the unconstitutional law 111-148 popularly called “Obamacare” and vote YES to replace it with the bill entitled “Health Care Reform Bill 2013” as written in final form by November 1, 2014.

 3.        I will vote YES to House bill H25/Senate bill S\_\_ popularly called “The Fairtax Bill” replacing all federal income taxes with a national retail sales tax on all new goods and services, eliminating the Internal Revenue Service and its 70,000 pages of code.

 4.        I will vote NO on all other bills that propose changes to the federal government, including any appropriations of money, until AT LEAST the first action has passed both Houses of Congress by a two thirds vote. I will then vote YES on other bills if they are absolutely necessary for the federal government to continue normal function.

 5.       I will spend the majority of my official time in office managing a constituent help line and a fraud hot line, researching and resolving problems with the federal government in my district.

  I will not launch nor raise funds for a campaign promoting my candidacy as an individual; if asked about my personal life and/or opinions I will only reply "It's not about me, it's about the bills"; only Vote KISS approved materials will be used for petition and voting drives.

  I understand that this contract is binding for the free use of the VoteKISS logo and trademark; if I choose to break the contract by voting and acting other than as agreed I shall be obligated to pay VoteKISS a penalty of up to 20% of my gross salary as U.S. representative per incident and/or loss of the use of the VoteKISS logo and trademark, at the discretion of VoteKISS.

 I hereby affirm that I am a United States citizen at least 25 years old (for U.S. House) or 30 years old (for U.S. Senate); that I am a registered voter in the district I am planning to represent; that I speak, read, and write fluent English; and that I have basic computer literacy skills.

 Signed this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Signature of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate name (printed or typed):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address (mandatory):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* Find your district by going to: [http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd?](http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd) and enter your address.

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