

# Terry Suominen Candidate for US Senate

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This issue will discuss the continuing dilemma of our unresponsive members of Congress to the voice of "We the People" and amendments I propose to correct the current ills on Capitol Hill with the intent to get

America back on track.

Throughout my travels in Nevada since announcing my intent to run for the office of US Senate, I have met many individuals who expressed their views on what needs to be fixed with our system.

They are deeply concerned knowing our politicians have an elitist mindset and are out of touch with the American people. They blatantly ignore the voice of their constituents, while lending their ear to and voting in favor of the special interest groups. These groups contribute heavily to their campaigns for special "favours."

Time and again I heard that their phone calls to the offices of the elected officials are met with form letters and blanket statements about how the legislation will be good for everyone involved.

Personally, I have called and e-mailed Harry Reid and Dina Titus for their stance on the issues. I wished to voice my concerns and offer what I felt would be a good alternative to their position on the matter. When calling the office not once did I have an opportunity to talk directly with them, however I did receive many responses from both representatives to my emails.

The email responses I received from Mr. Reid's office all began with, "*Thank you for taking the time to contact me. I appreciate hearing from you.*" The body of the letter would be a formality voicing his objective with the legislation and then close with, "*I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.*"

My concerns were never addressed in his email replies. And I was not happy with the answers provided. This is a vital concern of the people! Their elected officials refuse to listen to them, their constituents!

Throughout my travels, I have learned that the issues Nevadans prioritize are *the same issues I represent*. The issues of the utmost

concern are ethics, values and morals of our elected officials in Washington, DC.

The question I am asked repeatedly at every function is, "Once you've beaten Harry Reid and are in office on Capitol Hill, will *you* forget *your* campaign promises, just like all the other politicians?" My answer is an emphatic NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT!

The citizens have lost all hope in our political system and our government. They are expressing concerns about not having a voice once the campaign is over and the elected official is in office. They demand to be represented by their Congressmen. My pledge to you is, "You will not be forgotten. I will represent you; I will be your voice!"

As your Senator you can be assured that your voices will be heard. Our campaign is based on one voice, *your* voice. I will not be a career politician in Washington, DC living it up at the expense of your hard-earned tax dollars. My vow is to be a one-term Senator unless requested by my constituents to run for the second and final term.

My goal is to bring accountability along with fiscal responsibility to the Halls of Congress. This is what the people want from their elected officials, not double talk. They want their representatives to read the bills they are passing. They want their representatives to know where the trillions of dollars in spending go. At this time, most agencies don't know where the money goes and how it is spent. This is absolutely deplorable!

We will go to Washington together with one voice, with one agenda. We will take back our country, back from the corruption, back from the fiscal irresponsibility that is so prevalent within Congress. Buying votes with pork barrel add-ons will not be tolerated any longer here in America!

We, as a team, will push for reform that will be unprecedented and unpopular with the Washington elitists. In order to take back our country and our Constitution, we will have to add several amendments to it. Although it is not easy to pass amendments to the Constitution, it can be accomplished with pressure from you, the American citizens. We must vote out those members of Congress that do not represent these truths.

If your legislators will not vote in favor of these amendments then you must VOTE INTO OFFICE those who will. It is imperative that we elect to Congress like-minded candidates from this day forward to represent the voice of the American people.

What we require from Congress is their support to regain control of our country from those who are abusing their power. We need representatives that will once again recognize and obey our Constitution. Representatives who will confront and oppose lobbyists and special interest groups who resist the reform necessary to bring sanity back to our nation.

You must elect those willing to take back our country from those currently in office who say they know what is good for us while doing us harm by passing legislation costing us trillions of dollars in unfunded spending.

The following amendments will be proposed in Congress once the election is over and we have won a victory for the people. Remember this campaign is not about me, it is about "We the People," you and I together as one voice of the people.

**Constitutional Amendment 28** stipulates that Congress can pass no laws where they are exempt from said law nor can they pass any law where the citizens are exempt from said law.

This will stop the sweetheart deals they pass for themselves on taxpayers dollars, such as full retirement benefits (100% of their salary) after just one full term in office, all-inclusive free health care specific to them, not signing up for health care reform themselves yet demanding the American Citizens have it or face jail.

**Constitutional Amendment 29** stipulates that Congress will be held accountable for their actions when dealing with spending bills. They will receive one-half their salaries each pay period until December 31 of that year. They will receive the balance of their salaries if and only if Congress reduces the size of our national debt by 5% in that same year. That payment will be made on January 31 of the following year once the figures reflect the National Debt was actually reduced by 5%. This will become law to prevent Congress from increasing our National Debt at the expense of

our children. This will be their incentive to do what is right for America.

**Constitutional Amendment 30** stipulates that no budget can be passed without the funds in the treasury. Congress will no longer have the authority to pass bills where they have to borrow 43 cents out of every dollar to fund said bills.

**Constitutional Amendment 31** stipulates term limits for all members of Congress. A Senate term is 6 years; a term in the House of Representatives is 2 years. The term limit for the Senate will be 2 terms (12 years), the term limit for the House will be 5 terms (10 years).

This is an adequate time period for any elected official to perform public duties for the good of the people, the state and the country.

**Constitutional Amendment 32** stipulates penalizing members of Congress for acts of criminal behavior. Congressmen convicted of defrauding the US Government will serve a 10 year mandatory sentence in Federal Prison.

The purpose of this amendment is to stop the fraud and waste within all government programs and agencies. This alone accounts for 10% of our federal budget each and every year. We will reduce our National Debt with a controlled budget.

The campaign goal of Terry Suominen is to bring back the "We the People" in state and federal governments. Currently, Congress votes according to the demands of the special interest groups, not the American people.

My pledge to my fellow Nevadans is this: I will not go to Capitol Hill to become another elitist. I will be your representative, listening to your voice. With other elected officials who have the same ideals as we do, our goals will become reality.

The time has come to do what is good and right for our Great State and our Great Nation. Together, you and I can make a difference that will benefit our children and our childrens' children.

The future of these United States *depends on your votes.*

Respectfully,

**Terry Suominen**

With your vote, the next Senator from the Great State of Nevada