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Dear Honorable Nikki R. Haley

America is in desperate need of your help. Our Federal government is no longer functioning according to the Constitution and the ideals embodied in Declaration of Independence. The citizens of the United States are not being protected, represented, or allowed to pursue happiness. Our current form of government is full of **corruption, dishonesty, and incompetence**. Congress has become so polarized, greedy, self-serving, and imperialistic, their only concern is to be reelected. Congress is no longer interested in the lives, needs and rights of the citizens, only their own personal elitence. The executive branch has become a tyrannical dictatorship that has no regard for the law, Congress or the wellbeing of America. When the Executive branch doesn't get what they want, they simply choose to ignore the law or change the rules to meet its own needs. Examples of these statements are recorded daily in the news and are seen in the actions of Congress and the Executive branch. The survival of a free America depends on how soon we can reign in the current form of government and get back to an America that works for the people as it was designed by the Constitutional Convention delegates.

Elections must no longer be bought by special interest groups. The Founding Fathers envisioned a governing body made up of average citizens. The high cost of running a campaign has all but eliminated the average citizen from holding office. Congress is full of corrupt career politicians, lawyers, and some of the richest people in the country. Average citizens are entrusted to serve as jury members. They can be entrusted to do what is right for America, too.

Please consider the following suggestions for change as you and other governors meet for the next National Governors Association meeting and move to make a government that works once again for Americans.

1. Require the Federal government to have a balanced budget just like the States.
2. We need to stop trying to buy friendship with foreign aid. Take care of America first!
3. The Federal government must be better stewards of our tax dollars. There needs to be complete transparency and accountability at all levels of the government concerning spending.
4. Reduce the size and scope of all branches, departments and agencies of the government. No part of the government should be allowed to act independently of Congress or violate the basic rights and freedoms of American citizens.
5. Require the Federal government to have a strong national defense with secure borders.
6. Simplify the income tax by changing to a flat tax system for individuals, businesses and corporations. The form for filing should be one page.
7. Elected positions should not be allowed to be career jobs. Term limits are needed for Congress and political appointees. Two four year terms for the House and one eight year term as a Senator.
8. All government employees are equal and should receive the same benefits. Being in Congress, or The President does not make you "special". Those who are elected, appointed or hired to serve the public need to do just that - serve the public and not be elevated to positions of privilege. Once their term ends, so do the benefits. The job ends just the same as for average citizens.

9. Americans must be afforded opportunities to be productive. Jobs and careers are what Americans need, not handouts and government dependence. The Federal government needs to protect and encourage American jobs, careers and business, **in America**.
10. We need to take care of America and Americans first. Start rebuilding the country's infrastructure.
11. The idea of all humans are created equal needs to be our guide. Eliminate all the special interest groups and just treat everyone the same. The average citizen's input should be as important as that of any corporate or political lobbying group. Political Action Committees (PAC'S) need to be eliminated.
12. Require personal responsibility and hold everyone accountable for their actions. Laws, rules and opportunities need to be applied equally. If it is a crime for the average citizen, it is a crime for the government official. One's race, age, gender, sexual orientation, wealth, and peaceful religion should not be used for a basis of applying the law. Ms. Justice must remain blindfolded.

One only needs to look at the world's history to see that the urgency for change is real. The fall of the Roman Empire, The French Revolution, American Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the 4000+ years of war in the Mid-east all resulted from corrupt governments not serving and protecting its citizens. If the National Governors Association fails to act, America will surely fall.

I am sure other regular everyday citizens could add to the above list so please ask them about what they want a new government to look like. The current form of government is not working and must be changed. The National Governors Association should consider themselves America's new Constitutional Convention delegates and get busy.

Thank you for your time,



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