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Dear **Members** and **Friends**,

In just of a few short hours, **President Obama** will issue a new sweeping executive order on **immigration**.

But before we comment on the President's action, we wish to review the numerous promising developments since our last communication with you before the **November 4th mid-term elections**.

Earlier this week, the **US Senate** fell **one vote short (41-59)** of sending a **Keystone Pipeline** to the **President's desk**. Sixty votes were needed to squelch the **Democrat filibuster**.

This was the first time during his tight reign that **Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid** permitted an up or down vote on the issue. While the Pipeline vote failed this time, there is an excellent chance that it will pass in January after **nine new Republican Senators** are sworn into office.

All current Republican Senators voted in favor of the recent bill--and they were joined, shockingly, by **Democrat Senators Bob Casey (PA)** and **Tom Carper (DE)**, among others.

SCOTUS: Round 2 on Obamacare

As we previously reported, **two US Circuit Courts** issued opposite rulings on the new legal challenge to **Obamacare**.

This prompted the **US Supreme Court** to intervene, last week, setting up a showdown that could possibly leave Obamacare hobbling on one leg.

The **Original 2,000+ page bill** called for the subsidizing of health plans accessed through state exchanges--not the federal exchange. The subsidies

were to act as an incentive for all 50 states to establish separate exchanges--but only 14 states and DC complied.

No matter, **the IRS** ruled that anyone signing up for Obamacare--through state or federal exchanges, would receive taxpayer subsidies. **The plaintiffs** argue that this a clear violation of the law.

If SCOTUS rules in favor of the plaintiffs, this development could rival the results of the 2014 Elections in future significance. Stay tuned.

Here's a quick look at November's electoral wave:

1. **Republicans** picked up at least **8 US Senate seats--winning** control of the **Upper Chamber** for the first time since **2007**. On **December 6**, **Louisiana** holds a run-off for the **US Senate** seat currently held by **Mary Landrieu**. **Bill Cassidy, the Republican**, is widely expected to win.
2. **Republicans** captured at least **12 additional House seats--and possibly 3 more**, making this **Republican majority** the largest GOP majority since **1928**.
3. **Republicans** increased their governorships from **29 to 31**, while **Democrats** lost **2 seats** and an Independent narrowly carried **Alaska**.
4. **Republicans** currently control of **68 state legislative chambers--the** highest number since 1920. They now control the governorships and legislatures of **24 states--while Democrats** dominate in only **6 (Delaware** being one of them.)

The other **20 states (Pennsylvania and New Jersey** included) have divided government.

5. While **Tom Corbett** predictably lost **Pennsylvania**, **Republicans** gained **3 Senate** seats to dominate that body, **30-20**, and picked up **8 House seats**. (Foundation friend, **Tom Quigley** of **Montgomery County**, won back the seat he lost in **2012**.)
6. In a rather stunning development, **Republican Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi** was ousted from his leadership post by **Conservative Centre County Senator Jake Corman**.
7. Also in **PA**, **Ryan Costello (R-6)** successfully defended a seat being vacated by retiring **Congressman Jim Gerlach**.
8. In **Delaware**, **Republicans** gained ground, winning **1 Senate** and **2**

House seats.

9. In **New Jersey**, **Tom MacArthur** handily defeated his Democrat opponent to maintain Republican control of the **3rd Congressional District**.

10. In the **tri-state region**, **Congressional Republicans** have successfully retained control of all **5 seats** it flipped in **2010**--quite an accomplishment given the blueish tint of the region.

Obama Executive Order Grants Amnesty to Illegal Immigrants

While President Obama's policies were on the ballot in 2014--he, clearly, was not.

As a result, the President has two years to issue edicts as he sees fit.

Tomorrow, he is expected to grant amnesty to more than **5 million illegal immigrants**.

Please read this terrific analysis by **Ross Douthat** of the *New York Times*:

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/16/opinion/sunday/ross-douthat-the-great-immigration-betrayal.html?ref=opinion&_r=1 <[If you wish to send **President Obama** a statement regarding your opinion of this extremely controversial move, call the **White House Switchboard at 202.456.1111** and leave a message with one of the volunteer operators.](http://email.robly.com/wf/click?upn=kvDaWGlVlnyQR7baswVTdECz-2BttS5Zyy5GY3lQ9i0r8ooQB-2FMKuQL-2BcOSwuCZE0o8Ntl9HiyNBTa7zVPqL0zaqYALTP-2BT21cuOrp3JYR8W4OXUZcHj7pz4kiumMmL4BY6rd81jALLU5qimJ7e0X4ap6-2B4HknVmqnZv9k3lpXjdU-3D_u2M3KSRTY5XHZCcrLEfoMHisohM9F0lfyAr1f9cpjbfSnkqAkQpgfcGP7P-2BrUeFZOLF4v1qOHT-2F2vgfmJSzRdcw6-2BeRivR2Th-2Fih15U7Xug9A8YbJkxxbpmJH842B9-2FRKZaDc5fleZv2pjA1qzPrWQ0UG-2Ff0WUPKnR3RvR-2BvLp-2FKh90vbZwxOLF8ByYISVbE5H-2Bkt-2Fv3-2F-2FxV29YQwBPrhCOHFKhlzhBhQD79uJBAIOcthatismjsyJCZZG18kE5Clcb0BgioU71tzVZERxik5zDcFnh-2FG1nY7nXVj6yQ-2FlqcYX3nc5mxpCBopEg-2BzMVEyDh9mzbz1Be3LOvGLY75OyH6ouw9qrXlyty7DCSS2sLflvh77eZ6NS5ZS2kXoLJya></p></div><div data-bbox=)

December 14th Celebration at the Omni

Once again, we will celebrate **Christmas and Hanukkah** at the **Omni Hotel**.

Last year, we had a lot of fun singing carols by the piano and mingling by the

fireplace--as well as honoring **Tom Smith** as our **2014 Patriot of the Year** and **Stephen Barrar** as our **2014 Legislator of the Year**.

Dom Giordano excelled in his role as **Dr. Benjamin Rush** and the **Whitehall Guard Fife and Drum** wowed the audience.

This year, we are starting a new tradition of paying tribute to the **Bill of Rights** on the anniversary eve of its ratification (**December 15, 1791**).

Rich Zeoli will play the role of **James Madison**, author of the first **Ten Amendments to the Constitution**.

We hope you'll be able to join us for this unique holiday celebration!

On behalf of the **Foundation Board**,
Teri Adams

2014 Christmas Celebration of Religious Liberty
Commemorating the 213th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights, (December 15, 1791)

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Sunday, December 14, 2014, 3:30-6 PM
The Omni Hotel, 401 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. PA
This year, we are hosting our **Christmas Celebration** at the **Omni Hotel** in the heart of **Independence National Historical Park**.

Rich Zeoli will play the role of **James Madison**, author of the **Bill of Rights** in an original skit.

The **Foundation** will also present its **2014 Patriot** and **Legislator of the Year**.

In addition, we will collect **non-perishable food items** for our region's **homeless veterans**.

The event, to be held in the hotel's **Salon/Lounge**, includes a **Cash Bar**, plenty of **Appetizers**, **Great Company**, and **Christmas Caroling** by the piano!

Cost: **\$20** in advance, **\$25** at the door.