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## **A transcendent vision of a new age of reconciliation and prosperity.**

Greetings my fellow Americans. After long and careful thought, I come before you tonight to announce major reforms that are designed to end destructive partisan acrimony and unite Americans to resolve the very serious problems we all face together. The goal is to unleash a new era of reconciliation and prosperity that will benefit everyone. No, this is not hopeless idealism or partisan posturing. It is a compelling reform agenda that is grounded in common sense, profound intrinsic merit and the interests of everyone.

**First, let me emphasize that my intentions tonight are not partisan in nature so please transcend your partisan inclinations or antipathies to consider my words with an open mind as an American. The faster we let go of our partisan mindsets, the sooner things will get better for everybody.**

Most of you across the political spectrum are as exhausted as I am with the senseless and acrimonious partisan and media infighting that has plagued America for many years to our collective detriment. Tonight the moment has arrived for a long overdue reality check on our national circumstances that will make the compelling case that we can no longer afford the madness of partisan political conflicts.

My time as your president has exposed me to the severity of our collective problems and the enormity of what we can achieve together if we unite in common cause to resolve them. In truth, America is far underachieving its social, economic and prosperity potential because it is being exploited and divided against itself by our self-serving political and media elites for their advantage at our expense.

In truth, these unconscionable elites have used the campaign finance and lobbying systems to buy and sell political outcomes for the benefit of themselves and special interests with no regard for the best interests of their constituents. America will remain mired in mediocrity until this corrupt system is abolished so I recommend a constitutional amendment that mandates a shift to federal funding of all federal elections.

This long term corruption and self-destructive partisanship have placed America on a path to social, political, geopolitical, economic, constitutional, fiscal and capital markets calamities that will adversely affect everyone. Contrary to partisan perceptions, there are obvious, common sense solutions to all our problems that will benefit everyone. But they will never be implemented by our duplicitous elites who

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benefit from our failing status quo and prefer to exacerbate and ignore issues for partisan advantage rather than resolve them for the collective benefit.

Americans have reached a crossroads where we can continue down the path of corruption, partisan conflicts, divisiveness and underachievement to near certain national calamities. Or we can choose to end corruption and partisanship and join together to seriously address our national problems and unleash greater prosperity for everyone.

We could embrace the sirens call of socialism and follow it further into a dark abyss of endless mediocrity that has failed to create prosperity everywhere it has been tried. Or we can demand that our federal government get out of the business of wealth consumption and redistribution and into the business of fostering wealth creation by supercharging our education systems and our free enterprise economy to dramatically elevate the prosperity of everyone in our great nation.

These assertions are not more empty partisan platitudes. Just imagine a future reality where Americans unite in common cause to solve our collective problems and unleash all Americans to reach their full life and prosperity potential in a nation where political corruption and the debilitating futility of acrimonious partisanship have no place.

To achieve this goal, it is imperative that America move beyond our failing political and media status quo and into a new age of unity and governance by debate to achieve national consensus. This concept is not some impossible ideal. It is the approach that is used by almost every successful organization in the world. It's also the system that was employed by the great Americans who devised our Declaration of Independence and later created the most successful governing constitution in the history of mankind.

242 years ago this past summer, 55 Americans made the choice to sign the Declaration of Independence and risk everything they had to create the many blessings that we all take for granted today. Those great Americans were not self-serving politicians who sought power, personal wealth and partisan advantage. They were visionary statesmen, merchants, farmers, lawyers, soldiers and other concerned citizens who gathered in common cause to forcefully challenge their failing status quo for the collective benefit of all Americans.

**In truth, there would be no United States of America as we know it today if they had operated under the acrimonious partisan culture that dominates modern America. They set the political example and it is long past time for America to return to the governing system that made America great in the first place.**

In the interest of advancing this transition, I'm announcing my resignation from the Republican Party effective immediately. Let me be clear, this is not a betrayal of the Republican Party or a repudiation of its supporters. It is a rejection of a partisan political system that is senselessly dividing Americans against each other and causing us all to underachieve our full life and prosperity potential.

It is necessary to abandon the partisan structure of our failing status quo to create a sensational new reality and I must set the example by ending my party affiliation.

I take this historic step in the spirit George Washington's final address to the American people in which he warned of the dangers of political parties that would divide our nation against itself. And Abraham Lincoln who famously said "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

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These two greatest Americans well understood the costs of liberty and the necessity of national unity and it is time for modern Americans embrace their wisdom and unite to solve our collective problems to reach our full potential.

I'm also renouncing any fealty I may have had to any political ideology because such philosophies are too often devices for dividing Americans for partisan advantage. They must die along with partisanship for the collective good. Republican and Democrat, liberal and conservative labels must all be replaced by one designation as Americans.

We can no longer allow the self-serving political elites to hype and exploit the small things that divide us instead of the emphasizing the many more important things that unite us all as Americans.

I regret participating in this political culture that has divided the American people for partisan political purposes. I have made mistakes in this regard in the past but I am in a unique position to help insure that this culture does not persist in the future.

I want to seize this moment to sincerely apologize for anything I have said or done in my discourse that has caused personal offense to anyone. I am not a perfect person but I regret my mistakes in this regard and I pledge to do my best to avoid such conduct in the future.

The worst mistake we can make is to allow our mistakes and differences of the past to prevent our unity, happiness and prosperity in the future. Please forgive me and help me make America be a much better place for everyone.

**In the spirit of our founding fathers, I encourage all of my colleagues in politics and my fellow citizens to renounce their commitments to political parties and ideologies and join with me to create a new culture that is focused on leading America to solve its problems and maximize its prosperity through government by innovative consensus.**

Our new national goal should always be to find the best solutions for all concerned, not to devise strategies to divide Americans for partisan advantage by appealing to their worst instincts. Dividing Americans against each other will no longer be a successful political strategy or a business model for media organizations if these duplicitous practices are severely shunned by the American people.

**In this regard, the key question for every candidate in the 2020 elections is whether they want to be part of renouncing corruption and partisanship to solve America's serious problems or remain part of the problem by continuing to embrace the divisive and failing status quo. I implore all voters to hold all candidates accountable to these standards that are vital to the success of America's future.**

**You can be sure that the loudest opponents of these reforms are the sources of our divisive and corrupt status quo. It is time for them to be removed from the body politic for the collective good.**

America faces major problems and it is critical to recognize their severity in order to resolve them. Please consider the following realities that all Americans face together:

- The USA political and elites are relentlessly dividing Americans for their partisan and financial advantage rather than uniting them for the collective benefit. They are also buying and selling political outcomes for their benefit at our expense as they fail to address the very serious problems that threaten the future of all Americans.

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- The USA adult population has increased by 24 million people since 2008 but only 11 million new jobs have been created. This means we are creating adults more than twice as fast as jobs.

As a result, the number of not employed adults has risen by 14 million to 102 million.

This means that about 40% of our adults are not working, not paying payroll taxes and are often consuming government benefits. No nation can thrive when only 60% of its adults are productive.

- This tax revenue shortfall and outlay problem are the primary reasons that our national debt has doubled since 2008, tripled since 2002 and grown 3 times as fast as the economy since 2008.

Our more than \$20 trillion of federal debt and over \$100 trillion of unfunded social security, Medicare, Medicaid and pension obligations are mortal threats to the American way of life that cannot be resolved without much stronger economic growth and much higher adult employment.

- The Federal government is the largest and most costly organization in human history. It consumes over \$4 trillion of taxpayer wealth each year with almost no accountability for its cost effectiveness or productivity.

It has consumed over \$30 trillion of taxpayer wealth since 2008 to create a stagnant economy that suppresses the prosperity of all Americans. Yes, we are making progress with the economy but it cannot reach the levels of growth that are needed to balance the budget and elevate the prosperity of all Americans if we remain burdened by our corrupt and divisive partisan political system.

Our economic problems persist because the government is systematically suppressing all of the success factors of the free enterprise economy and the education system is not well designed to develop skill sets that match the job requirements of the digital age.

- America spends much more money per capita on health care and education than other developed nations but does not achieve better health care or education results.
- The USA is spending almost \$1 trillion of taxpayer wealth on defense each year to largely subsidize the national security of the free world. This burden is no longer sustainable and that means a global peace and reconciliation initiative must become a major international priority.
- We have a healthcare system that limits insurance offerings across state lines and fosters huge tort claims. Together these surmountable issues limit options and inflate costs far above international averages to the detriment of everyone.

These are just a few of our very serious problems that will never be resolved in the atmosphere of acrimonious and divisive partisanship that dominates our political and media culture.

**No organization or nation can achieve its optimum productivity and prosperity if it is led by a group of 536 people who are divided into two groups that loathe and systematically try to undermine each other while serious problems remain unaddressed.**

To advance this reformation, I'm presenting the America 2.0 agenda of comprehensive reforms to the constitution, the education systems and the federal government. These common sense reforms are devised to unleash a new age of government productivity and American prosperity.

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The agenda is too large to summarize here but it will be made available online for all of you to consider. I will offer a few key points for now.

- Political parties must be relegated to the dustbin of history in the collective interests of all Americans. Parties should no longer be used to divide Americans for partisan advantage.
- Billionaires and other special interests should no longer be able to buy political outcomes. The people should fund federal elections so that their best interests will be served.
- A cost versus benefits analysis should be conducted on every policy, procedure, organization, law and regulation of the federal government. Beneficial changes should be implemented based on the outcomes of this process.

The goal should be to reorganize the federal government to minimize its costs and maximize its productivity and ability to foster all the success factors of the free enterprise system that is the only source of prosperity for all Americans.

The federal government must be converted from a massive and unproductive consumer and redistributor of taxpayer wealth into a much smaller and highly efficient facilitator of wealth and prosperity creation.

The Vice President should become the Chief Operating Officer of the Federal government to implement this transformation and be held accountable for the cost effectiveness, operational efficiency and productivity of the government as well as the economic growth and employment performance of the nation.

- Much stronger economic growth is the only means to solve our nations problems, elevate our prosperity and insure our national security. Therefore, 6% economic growth will become the number one priority of the federal government.

This goal will be achieved by organizing the government and education systems to facilitate all of the success factors of our free enterprise system.

- Our national debt and deficit problems cannot be resolved without shifting millions of non-employed adults into the work force where they will contribute to GDP, pay taxes and not consume government benefits.

This will require substantial investments in digital age education, reeducation and socialization programs to maximize the life productivity of America's human resources to match the job requirements of the digital age economy of the future.

These systems will insure equal opportunity of education, socialization and job training to all Americans throughout their lives. This will include an expansion of traditional curricula to skill set development to better match the job requirements of the digital age.

As just one example, imagine a digital education system that allows us download the knowledge, wisdom and insights of the most brilliant minds in history into every classroom and the minds of almost everyone through online access.

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Higher education must be elevated and become much less expensive and better integrated with the needs and activities of the free enterprise system. Universities must embrace the pursuit of innovative business activities that can produce earnings and capital appreciation that can dramatically reduce the costs of higher educations.

**Many will say that we can't afford a state of the art education, reeducation and socialization systems. In truth, it's much less expensive to train and prepare our citizens for career success than to lose their productivity, their income, their tax payments and subsidize their failure or underachievement for decades.**

It's in the interest of every American for every American adult to be productive. It is therefore imperative that America create the systems to inspire, train and employ many of the 40% American adults who are not currently working, not contributing income taxes and economic productivity and are often subsidized by other Americans.

Americans should no longer be left to their own devices to develop their education and skill sets to match job market requirements and find employment because it is much less expensive for all Americans to fund these activities than to subsidize their career failures.

- I'm also proposing the creation of online national clearinghouses for venture capital, education resources, human resources and health insurance that will foster capital formation, career development, well being, economic growth, productivity, cost effectiveness, health and prosperity.

These clearinghouses will spawn new technologies and industries that produce jobs, economic growth and productivity that will benefit everyone.

- I'm also advocating the replacement of the federal income tax system for incomes below \$500,000 with federal consumption taxes that include exemptions for the disadvantaged and impoverished. This approach will reduce tax collection costs, expand the tax base and insure compliance.
- I'm proposing that every American receive a rebate of 35% of all the social security taxes they have paid to date into a restricted account that they can self direct for investment purposes so that its value can increase along with the national economy and its markets to enhance the quality of retirement.

The technology exists to do all of these things on a cost effective basis. All that is missing is the will to make these visions a reality and the determination to reform our government to help supercharge the free enterprise system to channel the surge of knowledge, abilities and awareness into economic productivity and prosperity.

We all live in a very troubled world with a stagnant global economy that fosters social unrest, terrorism and a multitude of senseless resentments and conflicts that are taking a terrible toll on countless millions of people.

Geopolitical tensions are high and rising to a point that mankind is once again on the precipice of global conflict for no rational reason. This reality can't be allowed to continue in a nuclear age and America cannot reach its goals without global peace and prosperity. America needs to foster a strong global economy, trade and markets for or goods and services to elevate the American economy and prosperity.

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Accordingly, I'm calling for a global reconciliation initiative that is designed to resolve international conflicts and usher in a new age of global peace, reconciliation, cooperation and prosperity. This initiative represents a very real opportunity for all global leaders to become historic visionaries that led their peoples to enduring peace and much greater prosperity.

Imagine for a moment a world where most of the energy and resources that are devoted to conflicts, defense and military expenditures were redirected to elevate the prosperity of all mankind.

This concept isn't an impossible ideal. It's a future reality in search of visionary and determined global leadership to achieve this goal in the interests of everyone.

Tonight I extend the hand of friendship and reconciliation to my domestic and foreign adversaries. The time has come for all of us to move beyond senseless animosities and work together to create a much better America in a much better world.

This is how we solve the problems that all Americans and humans face together and unleash a new age of peace, reconciliation and prosperity. Please join with me to make this great vision a reality.

God bless the United States of America and the world beyond.