

Dear Friends,

This weekend marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th. On that day America lost more than 3,000 innocent men, women and children. This historic, but terrible day has been permanently etched into the hearts, minds and souls of almost every American. As we think back to the events of that fateful day, I am not only reminded of the tragedy that families and friends suffered as loved ones were taken from us by such a cowardly act, but also the examples of selfless courage that were seen in New York, Washington D.C., and the skies over Pennsylvania. While we mark this anniversary with a heavy heart, we must also work to ensure that we keep our nation safe from terrorism. Please join me this weekend in remembering those we lost and praying for their families.

This week also saw the President and Congress renewing the debate about growing our economy and adding jobs. President Obama gave a speech that was short on specifics but sounded suspiciously like another stimulus proposal. The first stimulus was a clear failure and I will not support any proposal that grows government spending and debt in a misguided attempt to grow the economy. The solution to our economy is not bigger government, but getting government out of the way.

Small businesses are the engines of growth in our economy, and every time I talk with small business owners I hear the same concerns. The current administration is only making life more difficult for small businesses, by adding new red tape, burdensome regulations, and taxes. Instead, we should make it easier for small businesses and entrepreneurs to grow their ideas into companies that are putting people to work. Americans should be able to keep more of their own money, rather than taxing them. We need to get the government out of the way, so hard-working Americans can get our economy rolling again. I look forward to supporting legislation this fall that will help do just that. You can read the specifics of the [Republican Plan for America's Job Creators](#)

Even as we join together to remember September 11th, we must also join together to work for a brighter future for America. As always, please let me know your thoughts via [email](#) , [Facebook](#)

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Sincerely,

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