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2012 Fall Banquet Will Feature U. S. Senator Pat Toomey w/Special Invited Guest Republican Senatorial Candidate Tom Smith

Plan now to attend the Lancaster County ACTION Fall Banquet slated for Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA. Our guest speaker for the evening will be U.S. Senator Pat Toomey. A reception with the Senator will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

This promises to be a great evening as we head into the fall election with the opportunity to take our country back.

Growing up the third of six children in a blue-collar, working class family—his father a union worker and his mother a part-time secretary at the family's parish church—Pat was taught the values of hard work and self-reliance. His dedication and discipline as a student earned him entry to Harvard University.

Upon graduating from Harvard, Pat spent six years working in the international capital markets. He helped businesses expand and create new jobs by lowering borrowing costs and managing exposure to changing interest and currency exchange rates.

When Pat left the financial sector in 1990, he and his brothers started a successful, family-owned restaurant business with several Pennsylvania locations.

In 1997, after nearly 10 years as a small business owner, Pat grew weary of the huge tax burdens imposed on Pennsylvania's small businesses. So Pat ran and won a seat representing Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District for three consecutive terms.

Then in 2011, he was elected to the U.S. Senate and quickly distinguished himself as a leader on economic financial services and budgetary issues, striving to restore fiscal discipline to Washington. Among other things, Senator Toomey introduced a 10 year balanced budget proposal that received more votes in the Senate than any other budget plan in 2011.

The Senator serves on the Budget, Banking, Commerce and Joint Economic Committees. He is also the ranking member of the Commerce Committees: Consumer Protection, Product Safety and Insurance Subcommittee. He previously served on the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction.

Pat lives in Zionsville, PA with his wife Kris and their three children.

To make your reservation for the banquet complete and mail the form the form on page 3 or email to ChiroClark@hotmail.com.

*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
Edmund Burke*



Devotion Means Action

By Michael Geer, PA Family Council

In his Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln spoke of the brave soldiers who gave the "last full measure of devotion" to the cause of saving the Union and freeing the slaves.

Today, as these United States face the most critical election in our lifetime, the question is, what can we do to preserve the union? The White House is occupied by the most pro-abortion President in our history. His party has embraced same-sex marriage and abortion on demand and religious freedom is threatened like never before. Isn't it time to take a stand?

Of utmost importance is prayer, and many are participating in active fasting and prayer for the 40 days leading up to Election Day. Making sure you vote is, of course, absolutely vital, whether by absentee ballot or in person on November 6th.

If you need to vote absentee, the deadline to submit your absentee ballot application to the Lancaster County Election Office is October 30th, and your ballot must be received by November 2nd.

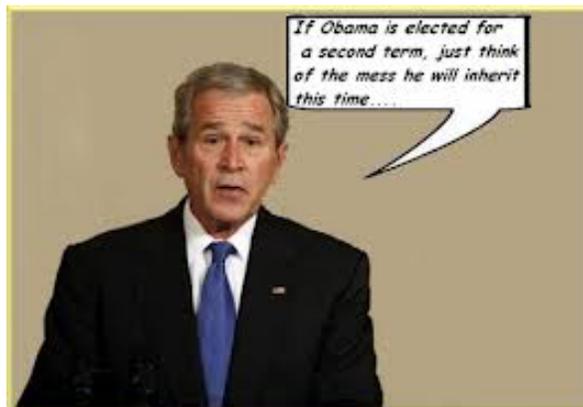
But this year, why not do even more? What measure of devotion will you give?

Volunteer for a candidate or for ACTION. Distribute voter guides at your church. And join Pennsylvania Family Council's new "Engage PA" election call center Thursday evenings and all day Saturdays at 340 Hostetter Road in Manheim. We'll have lots of food and drinks, and you'll have the opportunity to call voters using our cutting edge technology to boost the turnout of pro-family voters on Election Day!

Get specific details and times from our EngagePA coordinator, David Rowe at 570-713-9196 or drowe@pafamily.org.

Our state and nation need you! Get involved today!

Michael Geer is President of PA Family Council and Advisor to Lancaster County ACTION.



Oil's Not Well: Obama's energy policy has left us dependent and vulnerable

By Charles Krauthammer

Yes, of course, presidents have no direct control over gas prices. But the American people know something about this president and his disdain for oil. The "fuel of the past," he contemptuously calls it. To the American worker who doesn't commute by government motorcade and is getting fleeced every week at the pump, oil seems very much a fuel for the present – and of the foreseeable future.

President Obama incessantly claims energy open-mindedness, insisting that his poilicy is "all of the above." Except, of course, for drilling

- off the Mid-Atlantic coast (as Virginia, for example, wants),
- off the Florida Gulf Coast (instead, the Castro brothers will drill near there),
- in the broader Gulf of Mexico (where drilling in 2012 is expected to drop 30% below pre-moratorium forecasts),
- in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (more than half the size of England, the drilling footprint being the size of Dulles airport),
- on federal lands in the Rockies (where leases are down 70 percent since Obama took office)

But the event that drove home the extent of Obama's antipathy to nearby, abundant, available oil was his veto of the Keystone pipeline. It gave the game away because the case for Keystone is so obvious and overwhelming. Vetoing it gratuitously prolongs our dependence on outside powers, kills thousands of shovel-ready jobs, forfeits a major strategic resource to China, damages relations with our closest ally, and sends billions of oil dollars to Hugo Chavez, Vladimir Putin and already obscenely wealthy sheiks.

Obama boasts that on his watch production is up and imports down. True, but truly deceptive. These increases have occurred in spite of his restrictive policies. They are the result of Clinton- and Bush-era permitting. This has been accompanied by a gold rush of natural gas production resulting from new fracking technology that has nothing at all to do with Obama.

"The American people aren't stupid," Obama said (Feb. 23), mocking "Drill, baby, drill." The "only solution," he averred in yet another major energy speech recently, is that "we start using less, that lowers the demand, prices come down." Yet five paragraphs later he claimed that regardless of "how much oil we produce at home – that's not going to set the price of gas worldwide."

So: Decreasing U.S. demand will lower oil prices, but increasing U.S. Supply will not? This is ridiculous. Either both do or neither does. Does Obama read his own speeches?

Obama says of drilling: "That's not a plan." Of course it's a plan. We import nearly half of our oil, thereby exporting enormous amounts of U.S. wealth. Almost 60 percent of our trade deficit - \$332 billion out of \$560 billion – is shipped overseas to buy crude.

Drill here, and you staunch the hemorrhage. You keep those dollars within the U.S. economy, repatriating not just wealth but jobs and denying them to foreign unfriendlies. Drilling is the single most important thing we can do to spur growth at home while strengthening our hand abroad.

Instead, Obama offers what he fancies to be the fuels of the future. You would think that he'd be a tad more modest today about his powers of divination after the Solyndra bankruptcy, the collapse of government-subsidized Ener1 (past makers of the batteries of the future) and GM's suspension of production – for lack of demand – of another federally dictated confection, the flammable Chevy Volt.

Deterred? Hardly. Our undaunted seer of the energy future has come up with his own miracle fuel: algae. Yes, green slime, upon which Steven Chu's Energy Department will be sprinkling yet another \$14 million of taxpayer money.

Who do they think they're fooling? An oil crisis looms, prices are spiking – and our president is extolling algae. After Solyndra, Keystone and promises of seaweed in their gas tanks, Americans sense a president so ideologically antipathetic to fossil fuels – which we possess in staggering abundance – that he is utterly unserious about the real world of oil in which the rest of us live.

High gasoline prices are a major political problem for Obama. They are not just a pain at the pump, however. They are a constant reminder of three years of a rigid, fatuous, fantasy-driven energy policy that has rendered us scandalously dependent and excessively vulnerable.

Charles Krauthammer is a columnist for The Washington Post.

Fight the REAL War on Women

The news media say there's a war on women. There is, but it's not the one they think. The real war on women is abortion. It kills women's innocent babies. It destroys the lives of women and girls. And it's pushed by the abortion industry. Here are the facts:

President Obama's Health Care Reform Attacks Women

Public funding of abortion is the core of his so-called reform. Unless Senate Bill 3 passes in Pennsylvania, abortion will be covered under the health insurance plans offered in the insurance exchanges. What's more, community health centers receive taxpayer money to perform abortions. Government funding will encourage more abortions in Pennsylvania. The death toll will skyrocket. More women will have abortions, and more women will suffer the consequences.

Planned Parenthood Attacks Women

Planned Parenthood performed 329,445 abortions in 2010, a staggering number! The overall trend is an increase in abortions each year. But adoption referrals have dropped off. In 2007, for example, the organization provided 4,912 referrals, but in 2008, that number fell to just 2,405. Not only that, prenatal clients have decreased, too – from 10,914 in 2007 to 9,433 in 2008. It's clear. Planned Parenthood's business is killing babies.

With 40% of its income coming from abortion, Planned Parenthood reported revenue of \$1 billion in 2010! And yet, they get more government funding every year. In 2009, Planned Parenthood received \$360 million in taxpayer money. In 2010, that number skyrocketed to a whopping \$487 million. More money means more abortions.

A Message from the Financial Officer - Is Your Membership Current?

Please take a moment to make certain that your membership is current, by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter to see if your dues are up-to-date. Your renewal date should appear after your name on the label. If it does not or has expired, please fill out the form below and mail to:

ACTION of PA - Lancaster Chapter, Financial Officer, 462 Haverhill Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601

clip and send

- I would like to begin/renew (\$20.00 per household) my membership in Lancaster County ACTION.
 - I would like to begin/renew my membership in LCA's Governors Club (\$250.00).
 - I would like to begin/renew my membership in LCA's Presidents Club (\$500.00).
- (Please make check payable to ACTION of PA - Lancaster Chapter.)

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- Quarterly Breakfast
- Voter Guides

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Thank you!

“Democracy extends the sphere of individual freedom, socialism restricts it. Democracy attaches all possible value to each man; socialism makes each man a mere agent, a mere number. Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word: equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude.”

- Alexis de Toqueville

