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Representative Joe Knollenberg
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Dear Representative Knollenberg,

I am very concerned about our country. The excessive spending of Congress is having a negative affect on our economy. Borrowing large sums of money from foreign governments is not in our country's best interest. The devaluation of our dollar and the faltering stock market is reducing my retirement funds. **The irresponsible spending by congress is destroying everything I have worked for all of my life.**

Congress needs to do the following:

Stop all earmarks! I resent my hard earned tax dollars going to other states for special projects. Money should only be allocated to states for crisis situations or to prevent crisis situations; not to impress constituents.

Stop giving money to foreign countries! We need to take care of our country. We cannot support the whole world. We cannot buy friendship and respect; we have to earn it.

Stop giving money to contractors without accountability! The waste that occurs is unacceptable. The Iraq government needs to repay us for the money we have given them to rebuild their country.

Set priorities for spending!
1) National Security is the main function of the federal government. Give full support services to our military.
2) Adequately fund government programs. Pay back the money you "borrowed" from the Social Security Trust Fund.

3) Phase out subsidies. Let the free enterprise system meet the needs of the people. The private sector is more efficient.

Reform the financing of political campaigns! Reduce the cost and the time spent on campaigns by using modern technology to disseminate information to voters in an efficient systematic manner.

Balance the Budget!!!

What are your plans for solving our country's economic problems?

Sincerely,

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