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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Grassroots Activists Help Launch Historic “Contract from America”

Tomorrow, hundreds of local Tea Party and limited government groups around the country will join together to announce the launch of the “**Contract from America**,” a grassroots legislative blueprint for 2010 and beyond. Originally proposed by Ryan Hecker, a Houston Tea Party activist and National Coordinator for the initiative’s chief organizing group Tea Party Patriots, this project is intended to present a different kind of agenda for our federal lawmakers: unlike the Contract *with* America introduced in the 1990s, everyday citizens proposed and voted on every plank of the **Contract from America**.

Grassroots activists from across the country visited the website to choose their top ten priorities from a list of 21 action items that committed Americans from all walks of life proposed. The top ten issues comprise the final Contract. By asking website visitors to propose and vote on the agenda, the result is not a list handed down from on high by old-bull politicians, but one handed up from the true grassroots in this country. After garnering nearly **half a million votes** in less than two months, the **Contract from America** has now been finalized into a blueprint that will serve notice to public officials about what the people want for their future.

When voting was completed, the top ten planks were: (1) Protect the Constitution; (2) Reject Cap and Trade; (3) Demand a Balanced Budget; (4) Enact Fundamental Tax Reform; (5) Restore Fiscal Responsibility and Constitutionally Limited Government in Washington; (6) End Runaway Government Spending; (7) Defund, Repeal, and Replace Government-run Health Care; (8) Pass an ‘All-of-the-Above’ Energy Policy; (9) Stop the Pork; (10) Stop the Tax Hikes

We are proud to join with millions of Tea Party activists across the country to announce the **arrival** of the **Contract from America** and the **exit** of elected officials who continue to ignore calls for fiscal responsibility, constitutionally-limited government, and free markets.

More information about each plank, including its full description and the name of the activist who first proposed it, is available at the Contract from America’s website, www.contractfromamerica.org.