



BUILDING UTAH – PROTECTING FAMILIES  LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 66

Two cents – two small copper pennies. They’re hardly worth anything these days; to some not even worth the trouble to bend over and pick one up off the sidewalk. Yet, even these humblest of coins speak of the values that made and have preserved this great nation – “In God We Trust”, “Liberty”, and the image of one of our greatest leaders, Abraham Lincoln.

Two cents – an expression used prior to stating an opinion. A much more valuable commodity when those “two cents” come from my constituents. I am reminded of wise council I received some years ago from a seasoned state senator shortly after I first took office. Pointing to the reporters and lobbyists in the hallway, he said, “Those are not your constituents. Your constituents are back at home, at work and taking care of their families, and they’re counting on you to make the right decisions for them.”

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

As I pondered that truth, the desire I had to serve and contribute to my community became a deep and solemn trust. I studied the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, the State and County Republican Platforms. From these documents and my own views and experiences gleaned over a lifetime came three guiding principles.

First, the family is the fundamental unit of society and strengthening the family is paramount. All the ails of society are but symptoms of the deterioration of the family.

Second, taxes are a sacred trust and must be used judiciously and only to promote the proper role of government.

Third, government should be maintained small and close to the people. The family is ultimately the best and most efficient form of government.

PRINCIPLED REPRESENTATION

Viewing proposed legislation in the light of these guiding principles makes the proper way to vote readily apparent. Allow me to provide a few examples:

EDUCATION: I believe parents are responsible for the education of their children and recognize public education’s role in assisting parents. As the educator of choice for approximately 97% of our state’s children, public schools must be strong, vibrant, and receive our support. Our state is absolutely committed to education, constitutionally dedicating 100% of income tax, both personal and corporate, to education.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH: I am a fiscal conservative which means I believe we must reduce the rate of government growth. If left unchecked, our children will not be able to afford the government they will inherit. Utah is heavily taxed. I support holding the line on spending, prioritizing those things of higher importance and eliminating spending which is no longer necessary.

MORAL ISSUES: Many say we cannot legislate morality. I disagree. In the legislature, we deal with moral issues on a daily basis. These issues, among others, include pornography and abortion. Pornography destroys the very fiber of our society. It numbs the conscience and leads to acts of violence and self-degradation. The battle for morality in our families and communities is one we must win. Simply stated, I oppose abortion.

HEALTH CARE: There is currently a task force in place to create future state policy on this critical issue. We are at a crossroads. We can choose more government regulations and bureaucracy by creating a socialized entitlement program. I prefer a market-based, privately driven health care system based on the principles of free enterprise. I sponsored legislation, HB9 Health Care Cost & Quality Data, which creates transparency in the health care industry, allowing the consumer to shop for health care as they would for many other products. I believe a market-driven approach is the only way to improve the health care systems in both our state and nation.

For the past four consecutive years, I have been named the legislator whose voting record most consistently represents conservative principles.

If you would like to discuss any of these issues, please give me a call. If you already share my views and would be willing to display a yard sign or help in distributing literature in your neighborhood, I would appreciate hearing from you. **This is not my fight; this is our fight. I would be honored to have your support and your vote.** I thank you for the opportunity to share my “two cents” and welcome your comments.

Respectfully,

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