

2014 Congressional Campaign Announcement

Welcome to My Politically Independent Write-In Candidacy For Maryland's 8th US Congressional District Seat in the United States House of Representatives and “Against ALL 535 Incumbent Members of the US Congress”

Welcome my fellow Americans to this regular citizen's campaign for a seat representing Maryland in the US House of Representatives. My name is Andrew J. Wildman and most people know me as “A J”.

I am a registered Independent “Write-In” candidate for the Maryland 8th US Congressional District. That US House seat is now held by 6-term, 12-year Democratic Congressman Chris Van Hollen that is running for his 7th 2-year term of office. Talk about term limits!

Some would characterize my entry into the 2014 Maryland 8th US District race as a long-shot, upstart even foolish effort. Mainly due to the fact that I am not even bothering to run in the traditional Party Primary Election circus, but rather as a Write-In candidate for the November 4th General Election. The Write-In approach has the least amount of control over it by the Dems and Repubs in most states, but at the same time it is normally the hardest way to get voters to vote for you.

Let's agree that considering what is at stake this is far from a “normal” off-year Congressional Election cycle. Further, you will soon find that there is nothing politically normal about my campaign approach, my Independent platform content, and national electoral intent.

Simply because the other goal of my 2014 campaign and one (1) that is probably more important, is a direct challenge to voters in all 50 states to vote to remove up to 468 incumbent members of the US Congress this coming November 4th. Thus, the voters would enact term limits by simply resetting so many of them to zero (0). That means Your state's Representatives and Senators! We will review that voting process herein. And We the People will replace them with elected officials that will work for us and vote for our Common Good before anything else. It is not too much to ask of our nationally elected officials – it is their job. I mean to vote into office candidates like yours truly and the several hundred politically Independent Women I am calling on to run for Congress in 2014 and 2016.

Maryland Campaign Approach

Of course I am running as an Independent candidate to replace the seat is now held by 6-term, 12-year Democratic Congressman Chris Van Hollen. Simply stated Mr. Van Hollen is a decent person and a “regular” acting Democratic member of the US House. With just one (1) specific exception I will not make negative comments against Mr. Van Hollen during the campaign.

I will state that single criticism of him now and consistently throughout the campaign. That being that he is one (1) of the 535 incumbent members of the most publicly useless and dysfunctional US Congress in

any of our lifetimes. The same 535 members of the US Congress that We voted into national office to legislate “whatever it takes” to Preserve, Protect, and Defend – your and my – “certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness”.

When and if you get the opportunity to ask Mr. Van Hollen, or any of the other seven (7) Maryland members of the US House up for Re-election this year, ask them what they have actually ***accomplished*** in their current term to that end – for you and yours! Not what they have tried to do or what legislation they have proposed and/or co-sponsored. What they got ***done!*** And just watch them begin to dance... Then plan to vote them out-of-office!

Just what has he done to make the day-to-day life of you and those you care about better? Or better for the other 310 million of our fellow Americans that he as a national officeholder should be concerned about?

Again, not what legislation he or others have proposed and/or sponsored – but what actually got passed, signed by the President, implemented, and is now being enforced?

You know something helpful like capping and reducing the cost of groceries and gasoline! That is where the current members of Congress – of both Parties fail the Common Good. And the White House, too!

Enough said on that.

A Better Press

A suggestion that from here on, the Press could stop stating that US Congress has an public Approval Rating of **10%** and begin stating that they have a **90% Disapproval** Rating among the public. That means 9 out of 10 people you see *every day* believes Mr. Van Hollen and the other 534 members of Congress are collectively doing a bad job for the public *every day!* While making \$174,000 per year, and some great benefits, too.

Independent Platform Content

My Write-In candidacy for the US House will bring to the 2014 national political campaign cycle a comprehensive, politically Independent, social and economic Reform platform unmatched by any campaign for the House or Senate across the nation. Period!

The base of the platform was originally defined in my February 2008 self-published, 718-page book, *The Second Coming of Common Sense* (CS2). The entire book is a free PDF download from my campaign website, AJWildmanforCongress2014.typepad.com. CS2 is my professional analysis on what was then wrong with America in several key areas and how We the People could actually agree to fix them! What a concept! The centerpiece of CS2 is *An American Agenda* – 27 public problem-solving proposals that aggressively confront some long-standing public problems. Again, it was published before the financial crash of 2008/2009 and its solutions are even more valid and necessary in 2014 than six (6) years ago.

Since then several more somewhat radical, yet practical proposals have been added to address the ridiculous rise in grocery and gasoline prices over the last four (4) years – and the cost of living in general. My writing is based on 34 years of business problem-solving in the Information Technology Industry in Washington, DC and a life-long interest in domestic and foreign policy and legislation. That

political background combined with literally several thousand one-on-one discussions with people of all types and political opinions over the last several decades. You know, talking about solving our problems with We the People! Again, what a concept! And people did want to talk...

Nationwide Electoral Intent – Removing Our Oppressors

Now for the Big Picture. My 2014 electoral intent is to have an impact on every one of the 468 races to be decided by the American Electorate this coming November 4th. Long story *somewhat* short! In the book CS2, besides addressing some of our Common Problems, I bluntly attacked the real bottleneck/roadblock that increasingly prevents anything from ever getting fixed legislatively in the US Congress. That being the 535 members of the Congress and the lobbyist money from the Wealthy and certain Big Industries that now blatantly controls their votes and even write their legislation (including the Insurance Industry writing “ObamaCare” to suit their corporate profits).

In reality, the 535 will never stop their growing oppression of our lives. And, of course they will never pass term-limits legislation against continuation of their own jobs. Therefore, We the People must FINALLY take deliberate, aggressive, and downright historic electoral action to remove our domestic oppressors.

In 1776 our national ancestors began their physical Revolutionary War to rid themselves of their dysfunctional national leadership, i.e., King George III and his monarchy. As a result Democracy in government was born. Our US Constitution was created by the Founders to protect the *Masses of us* from the greed of the *Few of us* – for all time. Bluntly, now is one of those times my fellow citizens. The short-lived Occupy Wall Street (OWS) movement was absolutely right about the 99% being oppressed by the 1%.

Therefore, in 2014 just like every two (2) years the American Electorate, representing the Common Good of all citizens, has the Right and Authority to vote up to 86% of the entire US Congress out-of-office! For the sake of everything, because “everything” is certainly on the line this year We must collectively attend to our nation’s business. Thus, in 2014 We are declaring and conducting an Electoral War against the US Congress and those that now control the Legislative Branch of our government.

To that end, I have written extensively over the last couple years about the politically Independent Women of America stepping forward to run against all 435 members of the US House and 33 US Senators in the 2014 Congressional Election. I challenge as many as 468 of them in 2014 to come forward, to commonly support my written Independent platform, and to stand for national election as Write-In candidates this November 4th. And I am informing them and all of the congressionally disgusted Women of America that *only* some 45 million women voters need to show up at the polls this November 4th to make this Congressional victory a certainty.

My recent decision to run as a Write-In candidate for Maryland’s 8th US District is to set a real example for them and to lead by personal example. Not asking others to do something that I was not willing to do myself. I am a man with the plan and the Independent political platform designed to serve the Common Good of our citizens before all others.

Our Common Sense Voting Priorities and Objectives

November 4, 2014 without political apology is the date for the Republican Party's *day of reckoning*. And only to a slightly lesser extent for the Democratic Party, as well. For perspective only, leading up to the November 4th Congressional Election my campaign will provide voters with recommendations on all 468 US House and Senate races. Further, it is important for voters to realize that they can actually begin voting some incumbents out-of-office in their state's Primary Election(s) over the next several months. Just deliberate action by voters will send shock waves thru the Congress and both major Parties. To be perfectly clear, here are my thoughts on overall anti-incumbent voting objectives for voters to consider this November:

- Vote out any and all incumbent Republicans in the House and Senate. They have always been the party of the Have's, but over the last dozen years or so they have completely sold out to the serve the Wealthy and certain Big Industries (e.g., Oil, Medical, Finance, Pharmaceutical, etc.).

This action will also remove Tea Party Republicans that represent the ultra-conservative (right) wing of the Party and are the most anti-women, anti-family, anti-worker, and anti-environment. No great loss.

The only Republican candidate exception might be one or two term House members that may not yet be totally indoctrinated by the senior members. But, again no Tea Party please!

- Vote out at least all Senior Democratic Party members (i.e., Nancy Pelosi, etc.) and those that have been in the Congress for "decades".

Here too, the primary voting exception could be one or two term House members that may not yet be totally indoctrinated by the senior members.

- It is yet to be determined in how many of the 468 races that Independent Women supporting this Electoral movement will be registered as Write-In candidates. Should we get the word spread quickly enough to politically Independent Women it is still quite possible to see well-over 200 of them in place for the voters to choose from this November!

Something to think about and talk about.

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My Political Perspective on the 2014 and 2016 Elections

The Press

A personal goal for the national 2014 Congressional campaign with my comprehensive Independent platform and promoting the possibility of hundreds of women being elected to Congress is to give the Press something interesting if not exciting to report on. For them to actually talk to potential candidates about real issues, to challenge them to talk about real solutions to real problems, and about the absolute dysfunction of the current Congressional System. It would be fun, informative, and make the Repubs and the Dems absolutely crazy! And then just wait for 2016...

The Republican Party – Their Growing Public Abuse is Near an End

Two (2) reality checks for the Republicans. First, between the 2014 and 2016 National Elections the Republican Party should be all but eliminated from political existence! Meaning they should suffer varying losses in 2014 at all levels of government. Then, 2016 could really serve as their last stand as a major political party. In order for us to prudently address the major economic and social restructuring that is now required, the self-serving roadblock that the Republican Party so proudly represents can no longer be tolerated. Their time has passed. They no longer serve the Common Good. Thus, the Party needs to fade into history. The Electorate's political will be done.

Secondly, the Republican Party leadership *already* know that they have slim to no chance of winning the 2016 Presidential Election. Whether, the Democrats do run Hillary Clinton or Joe Biden as a viable backup they will win the presidency. Period! This is similar to the political reality the day after the 2004 re-election of George Bush. The Republican Party hierarchy knew that November 2004 day that they were going to lose the 2008 Presidential Election. Why you ask? Because they knew how much they had allowed Big Business to do *whatever* they wanted to the economy for four (4) years, especially the Financial Industry, and that the self-serving abuse would only get worse in Bush's second term – which it obviously did!

Thus, they knew (before the financial crash) the Electorate would not elect a Republican to the White House in 2008. And even after Hillary was surprised in the Democratic Primaries by Barack Obama the American Electorate without blinking put the first African-American man in the White House. He was a Democrat – not an economic blood-sucking Republican!

Therefore, today the Republican Party hierarchy considering how poorly the economy is and is going to stay, plus how badly the Republican members in Congress are treating women, families, and the unemployed – they know the 2016 Presidential Election is already lost. And add to that the public approval of Hillary and Biden. No contest!

BUT, for the sake of raising huge sums of money for the Party from Hillary haters and from the same foolish people they convinced that Mitt Romney had more than a snowball's chance of beating Obama in 2012 – they will beat the campaign drum for the next 2+ years. Hopefully, our Independent Electoral movement will put a real dent in their fundraising and the typically boring political campaign cycle (circus).

The Democratic Party – A Progressive (Liberal) Legislative Reality Check

Overall the Democratic Party when compared to the Republican Party within today's broken American Political System can only be rated the lesser of two (2) public service evils.

The Electoral Revolution that I am promoting to my fellow American citizens intends to accomplish two (2) historic Reforms within our broken Political System. First, as just reviewed is the political end of the Republican Party.

Secondly, is to make the Democratic Party functionally less "Progressive" with their usual give-away political agenda. To become more in line with Common Good legislation. And in case you did not get the

email (!) the traditional label of “Liberal” for Democrats has been replaced with *Progressive* in recent years. New label, but same policies.

Should the Electoral Revolution I am promoting take hold in 2014 or 2016 the predicted end result in Congress would have Independents in a clear majority in the US House, Democrats as the clear minority there, and as many Republicans as there are Independents in Congress today (dam few!). The US Senate would be a toss-up, but Independents will crush it by 2016 and could have a numerical advantage with Dems and Repubs fairly split, yet with the Repubs fading.

As a related perspective, I have felt since the late 1990's that functionally We have functionally had a Republican and semi-Republican Party in the US Congress because the Democrats while still making sounds like “Liberal” were not really getting anything done for their traditional supporters. Frankly, while the Repubs were overtly sold-out to the Wealthy and Big Industries, in practice the Dems were covertly taking smaller checks from the same entities! And they certainly did not keep us out of the Iraq War did they?

In fact, the biggest thing that the Dems have accomplished after arguing with the Repubs for two (2) years was Medical Insurance Reform, aka, *Obama Care* (see Proposal #22 in CS2 for Medical Insurance for ALL Americans). Understand my fellow Americans that “insurance reform” was only the most the mighty Insurance Industry would “allow” Congress to pass and it delayed major parts being implemented for a few years strictly to allow the Repubs some time to kill it. And it is still not the Single-payer, *everyone covered* Medical Insurance system the people and the federal budget require. And even though the lack of such a common sense system is literally killing our citizens every dam day, the Insurance Industry is happy and writing campaign checks to both the Repubs and the Dems. It is simply sick politics folks. So when We need to tell Repubs and FOX News to quit their paid-for bitching about Obama Care and read Proposal #22.

To continue.

Over the last dozen years the critical political issue has quietly become domestic economic policy. You know the thing Congress does not like to talk let alone do something constructive about.

After being crushed at the polls in 2014/2016 (I pray) the Repubs will lose any ability to beat up the Masses. However, the Dems if left alone to run things would start giving everybody everything. Fortunately, the on-going budget crisis will keep that from happening. My plan is for the new majority of Independents in Congress, the minority of Democrats, and a few Republicans that are still standing will look to the Independent platform and use it to begin restructuring our broken economic system.

Our national economy was still very much crawling uphill out of the Great Depression in 1940. Then, dictatorial maniacs in Germany and Japan hit us World War II. The Post-War economy and the Baby Boom created our *mythical* Great American Capitalistic System that never before existed. That grand economic bubble peaked about 1975 and the air was spitting out of it all the way down to 2010 – 70 years in all. It was 35 years UP and then 35 years DOWN – finished off by the Financial Industry orchestrated crash of 2008/2009. And none of those B&Bs never went to jail! Now our economy is all but flat-lined and is only being held together with the last few strands of the Duct Tape! And we are crawling uphill again. Believe it!

The Repubs are legislatively preaching every man, woman, and child for themselves so the Wealthy will not be fairly taxed for the first time in decades. If you are not a millionaire it is your problem. They cling to the *myth* of Eternal Economic Growth born in the 1950's. If a given program is proposed to help the Masses that run in opposition to corporate profits (including saving the environment) it is branded as Socialism and lobbied to legislative death.

The traditional Democratic Party "Progressive" economic policy of giveaways is a non-starter. We do not have the funds to keep allowing teenagers of all races to get knocked up and get set-up with taxpayer funded subsidies. To say nothing about the Illegal Occupants (IOs) from around the world hatching their "border babies" to claim false citizenship status. The free ride is over because the money has all but run out.

The American Agenda proposals that are the base of my Independent platform laid-out in *The Second Coming of Common Sense* begin the complete restructuring of our grossly inefficient social support systems. Personal responsibility is required and rewarded to make individuals and families accountable for every dollar they receive from the taxpayers. We will help our citizens in return for them become more productive and less of a drag on federal, state, and local government budgets. Period.

Whether it is Hillary Clinton or Joe Biden elected President in November 2016 they will need a new economic framework upon which to re-build our economic system – NOT the typical Democratic platform. Should this electoral movement be accepted by the American Electorate and the Independent platform it presents begin implementation over President Obama's last two (2) years, it will only make a Clinton or Biden election even easier.

So my fellow Americans let's forget about Hope. Let's forget about Change. And let's begin the real economic and social Reform that will actually make daily life and the future better for our citizens.

The Politically Independent Women of America

This is my historic challenge to the Women of America. Especially to the politically Independent Women of America and most specifically to some 468 of those that would truthfully see themselves as viable candidates for the United States Congress!

If there will ever be a moment in time for the leaders among you to stand-up, to stand together, to work together, and to boldly demonstrate their public leadership abilities for the Common Good – this is it!

I am talking about 435 politically Independent Women – the viable one (1) out of some 700,000 citizens in each US District (USD) across the nation – to electorally act against the incumbent member of Congress from their USD. Also, an additional of 33 Women to take action against the 33 incumbent US Senators that are also up for re-election on 2014.

The details of how not all, but the majority these 468 Women could practically register themselves to be voted for this November 4th is detailed in documents presented on my campaign website, AJWildmanforCongress2014.typepad.com.

Power in the Numbers

In Electoral Fact my fellow Americans, as late as this August there are **35 states with 252 US House seats open for Write-In Candidates to register**, equaling 58% of the 435 US House seats. And, if you add July to that grouping it becomes 40 states with a total of 326 seats or 75% of the 435 US House seats. These are the real numbers. The only ten (10) states that will be closed-out as of June 30th are:

State Name	Write-In Filing Date	2014 Num USDs
Hawaii	n/a	2
Louisiana	n/a	6
Mississippi	n/a	4
Nevada	n/a	4
Oklahoma	n/a	5
South Dakota	n/a	1
New Mexico	06-26	3
California	05-20	53
Florida	05-02	27
Arkansas	03-03	4

And Let’s Not Forget About the Senate

Further, counting from July 1st some **27 of the 33 US Senate seats up for election 2014 are available** for Write-In candidate registration. Or 27% of the 100 seats in the US Senate.

Granted this will take aggressive, deliberate action on the part of motivated Women across our nation. However, with the power of the Internet and good old word-of-mouth networking – the various Women and Family Rights Movements across the nation will make this happen. Women will form an Independent political campaign group in all 435 USDs, register candidates where possible, promote their candidates for the US House and the Senate where applicable, promote the Independent platform that will tie all these candidates together in the voters eyes, drive voter registration, work to get people to the polls on November 4th, and even supply them with pens to Write-In the name(s) if needed.

And in the End – The American Electorate

If not us, Who? If not now, When?

Thus, this is it! My politically frustrated and congressionally disgusted fellow Americans it is time for the subset of us called the **American Electorate** to vote 468 of the legislative servants of the Wealthy and certain Big Industries out of our US Congress. Period!

As stated earlier, in 2014 only some 45 million Women are technically needed to turn out on Election Day to vote our Independent candidates into the House and Senate, or to simply vote the incumbents out!

And that does not even count the tens of millions of us men that vote the same way. And we will be there!

That historic Electoral event can truly happen my fellow Americans. It is solely up to us to act together.

And as I have written many times. Once a true, citizen-sponsored, grassroots, Electoral Revolution such as this would become embraced by We the People – Nothing and No One will be able to stop it.

Then in 2016, We the People and this politically Independent movement will finish the electoral job on the dysfunctional incumbents in the US House and 33 more of the US Senate.

And on that same 2016 Election Day, We the People will simply elect either Hillary Clinton or Joe Biden as the next President of the United States of America. No contest...

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Therefore, it is time my fellow Americans, for We the People to be about our nation's business.

I will close this somewhat long announcement as I have closed several pieces over the last few years, with a personal challenge. That is for You my fellow American to decide to do whatever You can to support this true grassroots movement for the Common Good of our citizens. And do it for those you Love, and otherwise care about, and for the other 310 million of your fellow American citizens – those children, women, and men that You and I will never, ever meet...

Your fellow citizen,

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