



Friends, hi, I'm Gaylon Kent, and I want to be our United States Senate nominee. I was our nominee for this office in 2014 and ran for Congress from CD 3 in 2018 and 2016.

Those familiar with my past campaigns know that I've long thought America's biggest issue was our perpetual wars. In fact, some reading this may recall my scandal from the 2014 campaign where a group sent robocalls out in the middle of the night identifying me as the only peace candidate on the ballot.

Guilty as charged. I will always be a peace candidate because no nation has survived perpetual war and America will not be the exception to that.

But I don't think that's our biggest issue anymore, though. Our biggest issue is leadership: we simply aren't getting any right now. We are reaping the harvest of having elected a lying, sexual predator who believes the moon is part of Mars as president and

a partisan, fractured and bickering Congress. America is at the midpoint between the influence we once had and the oblivion that awaits us if we don't make changes to the way we are governed.

Here's what's important to me. I hope they are important to you, too:

1. Leadership: No one in our government is willing or able to see past their own myopic, party-induced vision right now. Courtesy and civility are dead and disagreement is no longer tolerated and is automatically presumed to be treason. No one has a vision for what is in the best long-term interests of our country. I will bring a long-term vision for our country to the United States Senate.

2. Fighting to stop our perpetual wars: The Constitution is very clear on the matter, with Article I, Section 8 giving Congress the power to declare war, something it last did during World War II. The president cannot go to war on his own and we can't abrogate the power to the UN or NATO or anyone else. Congress alone can declare war. And I'll be honest, I don't think there is any enemy right now that Congress needs to declare war against. As your United States Senator, I will work, fight, to end our non-stop wars and ensure we only prosecute wars declared by Congress. It's time for the world to see benefits produced by an America at peace.

3. Fiscal Sanity: I favor a flat 5% tax on individual incomes over \$50,000 and an elimination of corporate income taxes because those are expenses passed on to us, which makes it another tax on us. A low tax, zero tax environment would give consumers more money to spend and businesses more money to meet our growing demands. Competition for labor would increase, which means wages would rise, too.

A flat tax would simplify our tax code, too. Currently, it is over 9 million words long and is so confusing the IRS gives out wrong information 25% of the time and we spend over \$400 billion a year trying to comply with those 9 million words. This is insane.

4. Demilitarized municipal police forces: There is no reason to have local police departments equipped to storm beaches. Violence begets violence, as we are seeing in our country right now.

5. Health Care: I favor giving doctors and health insurers the same free market access lawyers and plumbers have. They must have a fiduciary responsibility in pleasing us, not an insurance company. Doctors and insurers answerable to a free market would produce products and services consumers want at whatever price consumers are willing to pay for them. They would be forced to compete, which would increase quality and lower prices.

6. The 2nd Amendment: I favor the 2nd Amendment without qualification or restriction.

7. Death Penalty: I am against it. This country has executed innocent people and capital punishment must be abolished.

8. Universal Basic Income: I do not favor this. It is not the purpose of government to take care of its citizens; it's only legitimate function is to provide for our liberty. Our greatest resource, individually and as a nation, is the 24 hours we have every day. It is the only commodity every human is issued in equal measure and what we get out of our lives must depend on what we put into those 24 hours, not on what our government chooses to do for us.

Friends, it's time to make America America again. We cannot continue down this road with impunity; eventually our country will be tossed aside the scrap heap of history with the Romans and the Soviets. We deserve better than what we have now, but we are not going to get better until we demand it on Election Day.

We should be angry and discontented because our country is a fiasco right now, a far cry from the American ideal many of us grew up believing in. I believe, though, that concerned and conscientious, participating and demanding citizens like you and me can give us the America we deserve.

Thank you for reading this. I hope I've earned your vote and I look forward to seeing you at the ballot box on June 30.

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