



From The Desk Of

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Dear Friend,

Representative Phil Hart has been in the news a lot lately. The claims have been serious and I had some questions. So, recently I sat down with Phil to have dinner and hear his side of the story.

I came away convinced that the biased accounts of the media haven't really been fair to Phil. Please **don't be fooled** by those tactics.

Rep. Hart had ethics charges brought against him in the Legislature. When a hearing was held there was **not a shred of evidence** produced that he had done anything wrong. That is in the Legislative record of the hearing. Why didn't the media tell you that?

Phil's battles with the IRS were based on his study of US law and the Constitution. He **wrote a book** to explain his legal theories and even **appeared in a movie**. If Phil had won his fight with the IRS, he would have become a **hero to all taxpayers** as we would all be paying a lot smaller tax bill. It took **real courage**. Why hasn't the media told you that side of the story?

The logging issue is a little different. But – as he always does – **Phil researched the law** and when the local Prosecutor heard Phil's explanation, **no charges were brought**. And, Phil didn't do anything differently than many other Idahoans had done. One logger signed an affidavit saying that. In the end, Phil did the honorable thing and the state has now received **3 times the value** of the trees. That was 14 years ago. If Betsy Russell thinks Phil acted so poorly, why did she wait so long to tell you?

Why has Phil gotten so much media attention? In the legislature **Phil has been an effective voice** for freedom, less government and lower taxes. Apparently **Betsy Russell can't stand that** and she wants to silence his voice. She wins if you decide not to support Phil.

I hope you can agree with me that Phil's side of the story needs to be considered. I invite you to go to his website at www.hart4legislature.com. Phil has agreed to document his explanation of the things I have related above so you can see for yourself. Perhaps you won't see things the way I do. But please make the decision after hearing from Phil and not because of **vicious antics** of media types with an agenda. Phil has worked hard for you in the legislature. He deserves that courtesy.

I hope you can vote for Phil Hart on Election Day.

Sincerely,

Bill Sali