

Subject: An open letter to Idaho's 2nd CD Representative Mike Simpson
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My "open letter" to our Idaho Second Congressional District Representative, Mike Simpson:

Dear Mr. Simpson,

Congratulations on winning this year's mid-term primary election hands-down. It's good to know we both love The United States of America: You as an elected office holder and me as a former US Navy SEAL.

Although "winning" is the ultimate goal, the first thing I learned as a Navy SEAL is the importance of winning as a TEAM. There is no "I" in "team". The team works together. The team supports one another. Only as a team can we survive, and then thrive.

Mr. Simpson, what we have seen is that you are not a team player, that is, with the "home team" right here in your district. Instead, your team has consisted of political action committees, political cronies, and others that are not on the home team, nor have the same values, needs, and desires as those of us here in Idaho's 2nd Congressional District. This is why you did not run unopposed in the primary election, and why you have opposition NOW. We here in the 2nd CD of Idaho want a voice that represents us and "our team" – the very issue we need to confront.

This mid-term election is about whom can best represent our Congressional District's views, our needs, and our dreams, so that the people of Idaho are assured of getting the very best possible Congressional representation. We should be a state (and nation) that's free and proud.

I have consistently voted for you in the past, because as a Republican in the most conservative state in the Union, I thought you represented the overall political beliefs and values of our district. In these past few years we now learn you have been substantially out of step and have been unable to effectively represent our district - which is why I'm now running against you. Honor, before personal (or political) gain, will always remain engrained in my character.

Idahoans are an independent people, and although I certainly don't think everybody can always agree on every political issue, as our congressman we can certainly agree you have no longer been that conservative Republican. Your type of Republican values no longer represent the values of our district, nor in my view the Republican form of government called for in Article IV, Section 4, of our US Constitution.

Let's not be so quick to take my word for it. Let's have your voting record speak for itself:

Mr. Simpson, a close study of your recent voting record aligns closely with the likes of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Senators Barbara Boxer & Harry Reid. Are the ideals of "this" group representative of our district? I don't think so, but let's take a peek...

You, sir, have repeatedly voted for the original stimulus and Obama administration's bailouts: Bailing out the financial institutions...bailing out the insurance groups...bailing out the big-banks...bailing out Greece by sending our hard-earned tax dollars to the UN, the IMF, and even to...China. Although that may be nice for you and your political action committee friends, what that really means is we here back home in Idaho will be paying higher taxes for a very L-O-N-G time to come, while being forced to relinquish personal freedoms. As a Navy SEAL, I happen to cherish freedom - personal freedom and financial freedom. I fought hard for it in the military and I am now fighting for it as a citizen, seeking a seat in the citizen's house, to represent Idaho and to support genuine conservatives in the congress with an important vote from Idaho. These are the issues being vastly overlooked by you and not brought to the attention to the average voter here in Idaho.

Lately your votes have chained us to debt and feed a political machine that lives off the working class to the primary benefit of the wealthy elite (outside of Idaho). The economic policies you have supported with your votes have a strong record of failure as demonstrated with their European models. Unemployment is at levels not seen since the Great Depression, businesses are failing, and people are being forced out of their homes - not because they don't want to work, or wreckless spending habits, but because of the economic policies YOU support from the financial advisors our federal government takes direction from.

Here's another fine example of what I'm talking about, and what most people here in Idaho aren't aware you voted for:

The "Ca\$h-4-Klunkers" Program: Here's a classic Obama administration stimulus concept that every working man, woman, and working-age child in this district is supporting with the taxes of their labor - offering up to \$4,500.00 in credit (from our tax-dollars no less) when individuals turn in their old car for a new one. As it turned out in the end, to actually implement the program it cost "us" \$3,000,000,000.00 in order to sell 125,000 vehicle's nationally. So for every \$4,500 received by the car-buyer, in all it was a total \$24,000.00 expense for the tax-PAYER (\$3B divided by 125K vehicles).

Who made out in the deal? The car companies (mainly overseas) and executives in Detroit. I bet their quality of life, job benefits, and executive perks such as private jets, country-club memberships, and personal chefs are all intact while we here in Idaho's 2nd CD still struggle with taking care of, and providing for, our own families - and in my individual case, deciding which month we will drop health insurance.

Mr. Simpson, we can no longer allow ourselves to be led by you, nor can we afford to allow you to be benevolent with our money any longer. If you were the right kind of Congressman for Idaho, then where were you when the whole financial system was collapsing all around us? You did nothing to stop it. In fact, you are partially responsible for creating the problem with your vote! I contend your actions have been the problem - never the solution - and in part we are now where we are in our nation's history because you were there governing in our district's Congressional seat. We elect Congressmen to go to Washington to fight for "us." If you were a private sector employee, you would have been fired long ago.

Mr. Simpson, these are my main points of contention with you remaining qualified to lead me, my family, my state, and my beloved country. I grew up believing as a Christian we always forgive and allow a person a second chance. However, when it comes to our personal freedom and liberties, we cannot allow a representative like you any more chances to help control our lives any longer than we already have since 1998. Once our freedom, liberties, and unalienable rights as United States citizens

are completely gone, it will take much more time and effort to restore them.

Mr. Simpson, I have stood with you in the past, stood with you while I thought you were on "our team." Now I am parting with you. You are a compromised politician. You are no longer solely on the conservative side of the isle.

You will be held accountable for your voting record, your misrepresentation of our District's values, and your willingness to abide with President Obama's overall agenda on major issues threatening our individual sovereignty leading our country down the wrong "dark alley." I contend you are no longer doing the "people's work" in Washington on behalf of Idahoans as evidenced by your individual, liberal actions. You have been in this position to lead our district for 12 years now, but your actions prove that you continue to be part of our country's problems - not the solutions - because matters have only become worse under your watch. Let's change the guard...

As a former United States Navy SEAL, one who has taken several oaths and assumed the responsibility to "protect and defend our US Constitution against all enemies - foreign and domestic"- honorably over the course of 12 years, I am asking you to voluntarily part ways with The House and come home to beautiful Idaho. For the good of the most conservative political state in the Union, Mr. Simpson, please step aside of the race and let others who keep the Constitutional tradition alive compete for your seat.

Respectfully, Brian Schad | Idaho's 2nd CD 'Independent' Candidate

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong." -- Abraham Lincoln

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