

orchestrating the war in Iraq and torture of prisoners before international courts for war crimes and crimes against humanity. The right of soldiers to elect and recall officers and sergeants at all levels and to form soldiers councils and assemblies to represent their views and interests. A constitutional amendment requiring a binding vote of the people on all issues of war or military intervention.

- Work toward the abolition of capitalism and the establishment of a democratic socialist society.

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Dear Constituents of Michigan's 1st Congressional District,

As a life-long Michigan resident who has lived, worked, learned and taught all around our state for more than half a century, I know the struggles facing Northern Michigan workers. From rising healthcare costs to lower wages and lost jobs, from lack of educational opportunities to lack of public transportation, from the effects of imperialist war on workers here and overseas to overt attacks on our democratic rights and civil liberties, I know the struggles that Michigan workers face because I also continue to face them along with you. While some candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties will pay lip service to these issues this election year, neither party's candidates will substantively address them or provide an alternative to the capitalist system from which they take root. This is because the Democratic and Republican parties rely each and every election year on the financial support of the very same corporate oligarchy which creates and profits from our hardships.

As a Socialist Party / Green Party candidate running free from the puppet strings of big business, such an alternative, based on workers' democracy, through social ownership and workers' control, is exactly what I aim to provide. We can create a solution to these problems and create a society that works for the working majority, but success will require a decisive and consistent break from our bosses' political parties. Success will also require the widespread support and unity of working people across every sector of our society. If you also believe the current times reflect an urgent need for such an alternative, then I encourage you to read my Platform and consider getting involved in the campaign, whether by volunteering or speaking to your neighbors, family or co-workers. Another Michigan and world are possible!

- Worker control of all production and distribution. No more bosses. Bring democracy

to the workplace. Public ownership of major industries. Production for use, not profit.

- Universal socialized healthcare. Full employment. Minimum wage of \$15 an hour. Maximum wage of no more than ten times the minimum. Increased funding for social services for the poor and unemployed. Free education from cradle to grave including college and childcare. Creation of fully funded high-speed rail transportation systems between the major cities with fares set low enough to be a viable alternative to the use of the automobile. Establish a massive public works program to rebuild our cities and communities. Establish state-owned auto insurance programs with rates on a sliding scale. Expand public-access media.

- Defend a woman's right to choose. Increase free access to reproductive services. Outlaw racial profiling. Defend and expand affirmative action programs and establish reparations for slavery and the genocide of Native American nations. Reform the criminal justice system. End the so-called "war on drugs" Legalize same-sex marriage. Repeal the USA PATRIOT Act, Military Commissions Act, Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act and prevent government agencies from enforcing or complying with such legislation. End the use of "secret evidence" in deportation hearings. Ban all immigration detentions and military tribunals. Support full due process and habeus corpus rights in U.S. courts for all non-citizens on U.S. territory or in U.S. custody. Support full citizenship rights for immigrants after demonstrating residency for at least six months. Public financing of elections. End restrictive ballot access laws. Support instant run-off voting and proportional representation. Defend the Bill of Rights.

- Shift the tax burden off the backs of the poor and working-class through a steeply graduated

income tax and abolition of regressive sales, sin and property taxes. End corporate welfare. Eliminate outsourcing through a 100% capital flight tax.

- Fight gentrification. Rent control for all existing rental units. Impose an immediate moratorium on home foreclosures.

- Repeal of all repressive "slave labor" legislation such as the Hatch Act, Taft-Hartley Act, Landrum-Griffin Act and all so-called "right-to-work" laws. Automatic union recognition based on card check and neutrality.

- Family farmers whose land was taken in foreclosures should be given their land and equipment back, or be given comparable land and equipment somewhere else if they wish it. They should also have the option of monetary compensation for their loss instead. Repudiation of all current farm debts. Creation of grants, no-interest loans, micro-credits and technical help to farmers. Place corporate-run "factory farms" into public ownership, administered and restructured by democratically elected farm workers' assemblies. Establish a parity system that guarantees farmers a full return on the cost of production.

- Public ownership and democratic control of all natural resources and energy plants. Stringent environmental policies.

- Withdrawal of all U.S. troops overseas. End the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan and oppose all funding for war and occupation. Immediate 50% cut in the military budget with funds diverted to essential social services. Immediate withdrawal from NAFTA, CAFTA, WTO, IMF/World Bank and G8. Oppose the FTAA. Abolish the CIA, NSA, FBI, and Department of Homeland Security. End U.S. military aid to Israel, Colombia, and all other states. Support prosecution of government officials involved in