

Our Open Office Plan

Ever call or write your representative or senator? Ever wonder exactly how much effect it really had? Were you the only person who called, or were there hundreds more? Sure, the staffer might have tallied your call, but was your call really considered by your politician? The key benefits of my proposal are:

Citizen Empowerment

- Each resident has a real public voice – to comment, vote, debate, and criticize
- Each constituent will have a way to publicly demand I address their ideas and concerns by submitting bills online
- Citizens can summon me to an "On Demand" town hall by reaching a threshold level on topics they feel I am not addressing timely enough or to their satisfaction
- By incorporating the feedback of specialists in different fields and interests, our office will be far more efficient. Those "working" outside of my office will be working voluntarily on issues that have the highest priority for them, empowering the individual citizen.

Accountability and Transparency

- All residents can receive a monthly report from my office detailing each house floor vote taken, each bill introduced, and each bill co-sponsored. Feedback from the forum will be summarized into this report. Most importantly, I will be forced to outline WHY I voted each way.
- My office's budget report will be publicized and readily available on the website so citizens can see how their tax dollars were spent.
- Empowering citizens to public discourse and enabling open, visible criticism and dissent of my actions makes me more accountable to the people.

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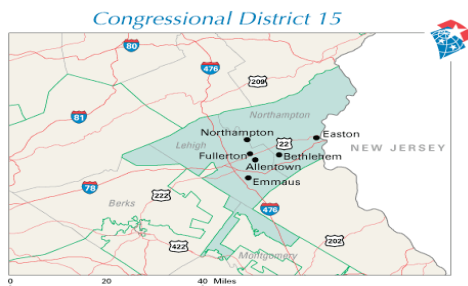
I will be on the November 2010 ballot as an independent private citizen. I have unique solutions never offered in the misguided agendas of the Republicans and Democrats who continue to drive our country on a path to moral and economic ruin.

Born and raised in Nazareth, I gave up my chemical engineering job to pursue this candidacy full-time because I believe our country is in dire trouble from mistakes by career politicians.

I will not enroll in the congressional pension plan which pays out up to 80% of their lucrative salaries for the rest of lives. I will not enlist in the elite congressional health care plan.

I believe government spending needs to be cut and will start with my own. I will not accept the standard congressional salary of \$174,000 but only the estimated 2008 median household income in the 15th district of \$58,080. After taxes, I will donate the remainder of my salary to local non-profit hospitals to help provide health care to those who need it the most.

I hope to meet you personally as I campaign. I humbly hope that you will find me worthy of your vote, and your vote is cast as an informed decision for the best candidate. With the Open Office, I will be the most accountable public servant you have ever had.



WHO IS JAKE TOWNE?



2010 Candidate for United States
Congress, PA-15th District

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Campaign Themes

LIBERTY: Jake stands for the Liberty of the Individual. He views Freedom as an indivisible whole that includes both economic and personal liberty.

SOUND MONEY: The fraudulent money-printing by the Federal Reserve and massive, reckless spending bills like the TARP Banker Bailout and Stimulus Plan are devaluing the dollar. Jake will fight hard to bring prosperity through monetary policy reform and restore integrity to our money.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Jake will implement the novel yet simple "Our Open Office" idea to deliver Accountability and Transparency and all residents will then have a public voice.

RULE OF LAW: Jake is running as an independent private citizen and will be a Servant of the people. Jake is a Champion of the Constitution.

I. I do solemnly affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

II. I will faithfully represent the people of the 15th Congressional district, and will, to the best of my ability, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Mission Statement

1. Spread my message of prosperity by defending freedom and peace.
2. Educate as well as learn from the public.
3. Win the 15th District U.S. Congressional seat in 2010.
4. Truly represent the citizens of the district by voting on their behalf.
5. Create and drive new legislation in agreement with the platform, my principles, and citizen input.

Campaign Principles

1. Government exists to protect liberty, not to redistribute wealth, nor to grant special privileges, nor to interfere with the lives of individuals and their actions. The government of a free country, properly speaking, rests not in its elected officials but in its laws.
2. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Therefore, transfer of American sovereignty to supranational organizations, even if "benign," is not permissible without a constitutional amendment.
3. The United States Constitution was written under the principle of "positive grant." This means the federal government is authorized to exercise only the powers which are specifically given to it by the Constitution, and nothing more.
4. Each individual is fundamentally equal under the law with all other individuals. The rule of law's framework of liberty ensures the greatest opportunity for individuals to explore their strengths and surmount obstacles.

5. A limited and decentralized government with inherent checks and balances results in more self-rule by local communities, and hence providing local diversity and overall greater satisfaction for individuals. Individuals can always vote with their feet, and move to areas not affected by laws they strongly disagree with.
6. Individuals have the right to live their own lives in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others.
7. The only legitimate use of force is in defense of individual rights — life, liberty, and justly acquired property — against aggression.
8. Rights belong to individuals, not groups.
9. Rights are not privileges, they are derived from the natural state of being human.
10. The Constitution merely acts to forbid the infringement of the federal government upon these rights.
11. The government's monetary role is to mint money and maintain the integrity of the monetary unit, not to commit fraud by debasement or to substitute counterfeits of paper for the constitutionally-specified forms of lawful money, coins of gold and silver.
12. However, individuals should be free to trade and exchange as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item as they wish.
13. Property should be owned by people, not government.
14. The free market is feared by many who do not understand it. Those who do realize the free market is the most just, most humane economic system, and remains the greatest engine of prosperity and liberty the world has ever known.
15. Freedom is an indivisible whole. It includes not only economic liberties but personal liberties as well.