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Dear President Obama, Senators Feinstein & Boxer and Congresswoman Sanchez:

I have been watching like so many others the continued shutdown shenanigans emanating from the White house over raising the debt ceiling, the attempts at thrusting of funding Obamacare and Immigration reform down our throats.

Our Veterans deserve to be treated better than the Obama administration has treated them. These Veterans are heroes who sacrificed everything for our Country up to and including writing a check to the United States for up to and including their life!

I have read all 10,535 pages of final Obamacare regulations and the one thing I can agree with House Speaker Boehner is that it is indeed a train wreck waiting to happen.

President Obama, Sir, you, yourself had to appear before the Supreme Court to defend your legislation and finally had to admit there were "taxes" added in and in my opinion is nothing more than a disguise for more taxes against an already burdened "We The People!"

Maybe you hadn't noticed but millions of companies began to "downsize" more than a year ago because of this legislation and the potential for penalties involved toward employers.

But I have, in fact, I am a victim of your being elected President.

In 2008 the company I had been working for announced to over 12,000 employees that should you become elected, there would be a downsizing coming shortly after.

In September 2009 I along with 449 others were laid off, and six weeks later another 450 were laid off and four months after than an additional 1,000 were laid off.

What angered me most about that was that I had worked so very hard and for so long and was only a few months shy from being promoted to Chief Financial Officer and I ended up losing everything I worked so hard for including my home!

The current shutdown will delay more than 250,000 appeals from veterans who are awaiting VA's resolution; disability compensation, pension and education benefits are in jeopardy of not being paid in November; VA Vocational Rehabilitation offices are working with reduced staffs and soon will close; and the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service programs, and federal employment "OneStop" centers, are closed. These shutdowns bring real damage directly to veterans and their families, many of whom are struggling to find jobs in their transitions to civilian life from recent military deployments in combat zones.

What angers me even more is that our "elected" officials, all 535 of them, most are or were attorneys didn't even bother to read the Obamacare legislation!

The then House Speaker Pelosi said lets just pass this legislation so we can see what's in it and every member of Congress bit off on that idea and passed it.

I honestly can't imagine any attorney voting for or signing off on anything they didn't read in it's entirety! But Congresswoman Johnson said that she didn't believe it was her responsibility to read the Obamacare legislation.

Is this what our taxpayer dollars are going to pay for? Puppets?

Then I discover our illustrious Government leaders authorized \$30 Billion to be blown on non-operational medical records system. No surprise, we're used to money being wasted in government especially in the VA's IT Department and unearned bonuses being paid.

In less than 8 hours of the shutdown, miraculously, professionally printed 3X4 foot signs appeared all over the country in the tens of thousands saying-"this [park, facility, etc. with custom logos] closed due to government shutdown. There has not been a government shutdown in 17 years.

These signs were designed, specifications were determined, signs were then requisitioned, bids were posted and vetted, government contracts were awarded.

The materials were then ordered and the signs manufactured then distributed U.S. Mails or freight companies.

This shutdown was orchestrated and planned well in advance at least 6-8 month ago. Millions of tax dollars were appropriated and spent in this process. There is a paper trail a mile long leading directly to the White House.

President Obama, did you not say in March 2006:

"The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. It is a sign that the US Government cannot pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our Government's reckless fiscal policies. Increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means that, 'the buck stops here.' Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better."

Well I hate to say this Mr. President, but you and every single member of Congress have failed, and failed badly at OUR expense!

"If the government shutdown persists until late October, the Veterans Affairs Department will cut off disability, pension, compensation and education claims to 5.18 million veterans, surviving spouses and children on Nov. 1, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki told a hearing of the House VA Committee Wednesday. VA needs to pay out \$6.25 billion in claims on Nov. 1 but Shinseki said he has only \$2 billion in accounts to cover those payments."

Unless you put aside partisan politics for the good of the nation, the harm to our veterans and service members will get worse. If this stalemate continues for a couple more weeks, even mandatory obligations of the federal government, such as disability compensation and pension paid to veterans and their survivors, will be suspended. More than four million wounded, injured, ill and poor veterans rely on these payments; for some it is their primary or only source of income. It is simply unacceptable that there is even the threat of default on these payments.

All of you need to put on your big boy pants and begin to act like adults, not like children fighting in the sand box!

We do not need Obamacare, and we sure as heck do not need Immigration Reform our laws for immigration are not broken they simply need a government with the guts to enforce the laws!

My great grandfathers, grandfathers, four uncles and my father all did not serve this country and die for you to act like children and destroy our country and treat Veterans, Seniors and the disabled like pawns in a chess game!

Grow up and resolve these problems immediately!

Respectfully,  
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