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Dear Delegate:

There is little that can be done to correct the financial mistakes that our federal government has made, and it will probably get worse before it gets better. We are only a few jolts away from a more serious downturn.

My programs will protect the citizens of Utah.

First: We can create a state gold reserve. This will help protect us from inflation. There is little chance of a downside in gold and the potential for an upside is huge. Texas recently purchased 250 million in gold. The third largest insurance company in America has purchased 400 million in gold for the first time in its 152 year history. We must do the same if we are to have the financial resources to combat the devaluation of the American dollar.

Second: We need a state food reserve. I call it the Strategic Food Reserve of Utah (see logo below). This will make it possible for the state to have an emergency food supply for all of its citizens. One day it could save tens of thousands of lives.

Third: We must decrease the size of our state government. Almost half of our state budget is spent on the salaries of government employees. We must limit hiring and decrease the size of many state agencies.

I have other common sense ideas such as a program that can draw millions of dollars from foreign investment through existing federal laws; elimination or reduction in the number of continuing education classes required for professionals; and elimination of some standardized testing, which is costing millions of tax dollars.

There are many wonderful things we could do for our people, but at this point in time they must be postponed and the most serious issues addressed. We can't afford luxury programs. My programs are for the protection and prosperity of our people.

We must bring our state back to conservative principles. It is by leaving the protective principles of conservatism that we have created most of our problems. It is interesting for me to watch government leaders, who call themselves conservative, follow liberal



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programs. They talk the conservative doctrine, but burden our people with costly programs and hire more government employees like there is no tomorrow. Our budget shortfalls are evidence of too much spending. In 2009 we had the sixth largest state budget shortfall in the country by percentage.

The current administration is in a “business as usual” approach to our problems. They don’t seem to realize the seriousness of our present situation. This is obvious by the dearth of fresh ideas that are generated from their offices.

I need your vote. Together we can make great things happen and protect our citizens. There are pivotal moments in history, and this may be one of them.

Don’t commit your vote until you learn my position and hear me speak at your county convention in April. Visit my website at www.RichardMartinGovernor.com.

Sincerely,

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