

Mason County Republican Executive Committee PO Box 143, Ludington, Michigan 49431 Phone: 231-398-8688 March 13, 2024

Greetings Fellow Republicans:

As we march forward with boots on the ground into the 2024 Presidential Election year, we need to reflect on what has occurred over the past few years up to the present, to Americans and to our great nation. Open Borders, Inflation, Infringement of our Constitutional Rights, Taxes, and Overspending, resulting in a current National debt of 34 trillion dollars, are some significant occurrences that has affected us all and it is imperative that we take action before our land of the free is destroyed.

Why am I bringing these four important subject matters to your attention? Because we need to be reminded of what has transpired and what we have endured over the past few years as a result of both the Biden and Whitmer Administrations. We, as Republicans, have one opportunity to Take Back America in 2024 and that is by casting your Presidential Republican vote for Donald Trump. Donald Trump has proven through his actions (2016-2020) that he can tackle and defeat illegal immigration, inflation, protect our Constitutional Rights, enhance public safety, and increase tariffs on foreign goods resulting in revenue for our country. An abstaining vote, or a vote for a candidate other than Trump, will basically hand the presidency over to Biden. We cannot let this happen.

Not only is this a Presidential election year, it is also an election year for US Senator, US Congressman, State Representatives, Elected County Officials, and County Commissioners. It is so important that we retain Republican seats and work hard to fill the US Senator seat with a Republican that represents the voices of the people. Understanding the importance of this year's 2024 elections, the Mason County Republican Executive Committee has planned a grand Lincoln Day Dinner Gala at the Historic Stearns Ball Room, on Monday evening, May 13th with social hour and appetizers starting at 5:30 pm and a lavish buffet along with dessert table starting at 6:45 pm. We will have several silent auction items on display as well. Our program begins at 7:45 pm. This is an opportunity for fellow Republicans to meet and talk with our Republican candidates. This year our guest speaker is renowned journalist Ben Bergquam. Ben is the Founder of Frontline America and Correspondent for Real America's Voice News. He is a Christian Conservative who has first-hand experience in the world's most dangerous journey, the treacherous stretch of rainforest between Panama and Columbia known as the Darien Gap. He has uncovered the purpose behind this massive invasion of illegal immigrants into America, along with who has orchestrated and paid for it. He brings the truth to Americans that the mainstream media will not honestly cover. We encourage all Republicans to come together and join us for a night of camaraderie on May 13th.

The Mason County Republican Executive Committee was very active in 2023. We held multiple fundraisers with wonderful speakers, participated in the July 4th parade, had an information booth at the Fair, and a Chili Cook-off. We also were proud to be able to award three \$750 scholarships to senior students. It is with your donations and support that we are able to do what we do. This year we are coming out strong by first organizing our grand upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner event. Our Headquarters has also been secured for this year and will open the middle of May. We cannot thank our supporters enough for the donations we have received thus far.

Enclosed please find our annual membership form as well as an added line (in red) to purchase your Lincoln Day Dinner tickets. Please fill out the form and return with your check: MCRC, PO Box 143, Ludington, MI 49431. We have also set up an online secure credit card payment option at: <u>www.masoncountygop.org</u>, click on the Membership tab to pay your dues and/or click on the Lincoln Day Dinner 2024 tab to pay for your tickets. The completed form can then be emailed to me at: <u>sheilakraus3467@gmail.com</u>

In closing, I want to share a quote from Abraham Lincoln, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." We have the opportunity to create the future, the American dream, for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren but it will take each and everyone's vote to do that, let's Take Back America in 2024!

God Bless Us All, God Bless America and God Bless our great State of Michigan,

Sheila Genter-Kraws Sheila Genter-Kraus – Chair Mason County Republican Committee

FACTS

Open Borders, the #1 National Security Threat: Information provided by the Customs Border Patrol and Homeland Security report that there currently are 8.7 million known illegal immigrants in the United States as well as an additional 1.8 million illegal immigrants in the US that they refer to as "gotaways." Foremost, we do not have the social or economic infrastructure to facilitate 10.5 million illegal immigrants. Illegal immigrants crossing our borders are not all "asylum seekers." Border Patrol Agents have seized 27,293 pounds of fentanyl from drug cartels, enough to kill 6 billion people. Director of ORR Robin Marcos, confirmed more than 85,000 unaccompanied children that were led across the border over the past 2 years are missing. More than likely, they have been sold into human trafficking. Over 400 major multinational companies have joined "The Tent Partnership for Refugees" organization wherein Tyson Foods have committed to hiring approximately 42,000 undocumented immigrants while recently laying off over 1,000 American workers with more layoffs coming. These 400 plus companies are able to hire migrants who are willing to work for a lower pay than US citizens which both exacerbates the labor pool and suppresses wages for working-class families.

Inflation: We all have been experiencing Consumer price surging over the past few years as inflation rates have been fluctuating above the Federal Reserve target of 2%. Inflation was as high as 9.1% in June of 2022 and is currently at 3.2%. Mortgage interest rates also increase as a result of inflation, making it almost impossible for first time buyers to purchase a home. Your grocery store and gas pump receipts are proof.

Infringement of our Constitutional Rights: Due to the unfortunate and senseless mass shootings across our country, our second amendment rights have been compromised by the passing of Red Flag laws. Responsible, law abiding citizens who exercise their right to bear arms are being infringed upon. The Red Flag laws will not stop mass shootings. Mass shootings were used as the Democrat platform for passing the Red Flag laws instead of addressing the real issue of mental health.

Why is our National debt at 34 trillion dollars? The Federal government is spending more than it is taking in. As a result, the Federal government then has to borrow money to cover the annual deficit and each year's deficit adds to the growing National debt. As far as revenues, the US tax system does not generate enough revenues to cover the spending policymakers have enacted. This is a slippery slope that we need to avoid at all cost.

Mission Statement

To support individual liberties and opportunities guaranteed in the United States Constitution by electing Republican candidates for office locally, statewide, and nationally.