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As Bill Cosby once said, “The key to failure is trying to please everyone.”

We elect officials so that they can make the difficult choices on behalf of all of us. In short, we expect them to lead. If only the President and the leaders of the Democratic Party in Washington DC and here in Maryland were willing to do that. Sadly, the choices they have made in the name of “progress” and to please special interests are doing nothing but eroding our way of life—if not now, then for future generations. In trying to please everyone, they are causing impacts that will inevitably hurt us all:

- Nearly double the number of people on food stamps since 2008 (from 27 million to 47 million), but in the process add \$40 billion per year to the Federal deficit and invite millions more \$ in fraud and waste.
- Fund green energy companies with taxpayer dollars, but in the process waste more than \$8 billion after more than 30 of them file for bankruptcy.
- Pass legislation seeking to grant health insurance to everyone (even those who don’t want it), but in the process cause more than 20 million people to lose their employer provided health care, and therefore have to spend thousands more \$ per year out of their pocket.
- Impose a millionaires tax in Maryland to renovate schools, but in the process compel 31,000 high income people to leave the state (e.g., take a short hop across the river to Virginia, where taxes are roughly 40% lower) and thereby DECREASE Maryland tax revenue by \$1.7 billion.
- Impose a rain tax to protect the Chesapeake Bay, but in the process dramatically increase taxes for small businesses, causing them to follow the millionaires and leave the state.

Unfortunately, we see where such policies lead. With the help of complicit House and Senate Democrats, our federal debt has gone from \$10 trillion to \$17 trillion since President Obama took office. With the Democratic monopoly in the Maryland Legislature, we are following suit, recording a \$1.1 billion deficit for 2012.

Would you find it normal to spend 50% more money than you earn—year in and year out? So why do Democrats think it’s OK for the Nation or our State to do that?

Republicans are not mean spirited. We care about those in need. We are concerned about our environment. We want every generation to have a better quality of life than the one before. However, we also know that Government cannot solve everything.

Which brings me back to my point. Rather than lead in the ongoing budget crisis which we've faced since 2008, Democrats have instead resorted to name calling and settling scores against those who disagree with them, whether by auditing Tea Party organizations, auditing conservative business owners or individuals, closing down the World War II Memorial, or by the most **despicable and unforgivable of all** – delaying death benefits to the families of our fallen soldiers. In trying to win the popularity contest with special interests and buy votes through spending, they are MISSING THE BIG PICTURE. And I think it is reprehensible.

Republicans in Congress are making a stand and making the tough choices. We must support them, and do everything we can to get them more help in the upcoming 2014 elections. Stay focused and remember the big picture. America.