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You asked me to include a statement about why I am different than the other people running for the US Senate seat in Utah. I am different because I understand that the blueprint we followed to quickly become the most prosperous, free, happy and generous nation in the history of the world was the US Constitution. The reason we are in massive debt, governmental ineffectiveness, and we are quickly losing our standing in the eyes of the world, our self confidence and our hope for the future is because we are systematically abandoning the principles taught us by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. If we want to return to the positive results that we have had during most of our history, we must return to the ideals that create those results. Additionally, our congressmen must stand up to abuses of power by presidents from both parties so that we do not continue to lose our individual freedoms and our liberty as a nation. Actions such as the indefinite detainment of American citizens without trial or charge from the NDAA and warrantless surveillance allowed by the Patriot Act as well as many of the Executive Orders issued by presidents over the last 20 years are turning us into a police state where individual liberty is being sacrificed in favor of controlling the people. We need Senators that will stand up for these principles. I am the only one running for this office that is willing to do that. Mr. Hatch has not done it in 36 years. It is my priority.

With the national debt at over \$16 trillion, and still no budget passed for the last three years, how do you propose bringing spending under control?

The answer is simple, but difficult. STOP SPENDING MONEY! Specifically, the things we CAN do are to reduce the size of the Federal Government, closing agencies, bureaus and departments that are redundant or not mandated by the Constitution, letting them go completely or returning the power and funding for necessary programs to the states which administer them much more efficiently. Return our military to a specifically defensive force, making them a strong deterrent to any misbehavior by foreign powers, but reducing drastically the cost in lives and treasure of our "offensive" attitude and our interference in foreign lands and governments. Our politicians and bureaucrats need to be paid at the level of public servants, not as elite masters. They should not receive special treatment in their benefits, health care, retirement or any other aspect of their "employment" by we the people.

Our tax system needs to be replaced with a system that is fair and encourages productivity instead of punishing it. Details of how to do this are on my website www.mrshaungoestowashington.com

How would you go about stimulating job growth in Utah and the nation?

See above reference to the replacement of our income tax system. When we stop punishing or penalizing individuals and companies for being productive and hiring people and growing their businesses, we will see a large increase in people's willingness to take the risks and hire more people for better paying jobs. When we as a nation produce more and create more, everyone in the labor force will benefit. When we create a more positive climate for companies to hire Americans, they will bring those jobs back from overseas. Reducing unnecessary regulations and

requirements can also improve the climate as will repealing Obamacare so that companies can confidently go forward without the fear of those requirements wiping out their profits.

The issue of public lands can be a sensitive issue in Southern Utah. Do you support HB 148 and its language telling the federal government to transfer control of public lands to the state? Yes or No, and why?

Constitutionally speaking, the Federal Government has no right to ownership or control of state lands unless the state willingly sells that land to the Federal Government for the express purpose of forts, arsenals and other military installations. States should be the decision makers about the purposes of lands within their boundaries, whether that be for parks, wilderness, grazing, mineral and oil development, etc. In states like Utah and many others in the west, massive parts of the state are in effect "locked up" and cannot be used or developed to benefit schools, property owners and citizens, but instead incur larger and larger bills to administer and "protect" that we pay with our tax dollars. The system is upside down and benefits the Federal Government at the expense of every Utahn.

On matters of foreign policy, facets of the public have both supported and decried military action in other nations, particularly the Middle East. Did you support military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, and do you believe Iran to be a threat to the national security of the United States?

If China were to establish 50 military bases on our soil and started killing American citizens, we would consider them invaders and try to kill them, blow them up or make them go home. That is what we have done in the Middle East where we have over 50 military bases on their soil. They have reason to fear us and try to hurt us. We are creating our own enemies. I do not condone terrorism for any reason from any source, but we need to realize that we are part of the problem. Now we are blowing people up in Pakistan including civilians and we are turning a whole nation (a nuclear armed nation by the way) against us even though we say they are our allies. We need to bring our troops home from most of the world, and be sure that our ability to retaliate to any hostile action is powerful enough to deter any enemy. The Iranian government is strident and annoying, but even they are not suicidal as a group. They may encourage their young people to be suicidal, but the leaders are not.

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