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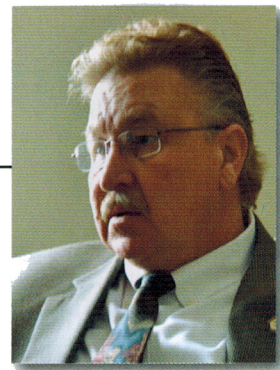
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Why Businesses Are **Leaving Minnesota**

If It Does Not Affect Them

by Mayor Mark Korin



We must *“sign the bill to see what’s in it”*, is the stupidest thing I’ve ever heard from any politician or legislator, **(to date)** but it’s not far from the truth. Now, if you believe that socialism, more spending and larger government is the right answer to all the problems of the United States, please stop reading the rest of this story.....

Working as a Mayor it’s so easy to enact laws, change ordinances and create policies that grow government by increasing regulatory control that limits your freedoms, but it’s very, very difficult to eliminate those same laws once in place. Every two to four years it’s possible to have a change in leadership that could swing the pendulum in either direction.

When government grows, it’s always sold as a good thing, it’s for the “environment” (mother earth) or the “poor” or “it’s for the kids”, but if the pendulum swings in the opposite direction anyone daring to speak up about reducing taxation or eliminating overregulation, or

even reducing the amount of an increase with yearly taxation hikes is condemned, hates the environment, hates children, and the best one, “pushes grandma over the cliff!” The founding fathers never meant for a government to make it equal for everyone, give “free” stuff because they deserve it or

our freedoms, boarders, and allowing us to keep the money we earn, that politician would be demonized. Wait a minute, somehow that’s just wrong, “allowing us?”; I should have said minimizing the money the

government needs to effectively function and provide only essential services.

The citizens of this country are slowly becoming subjects to the “Crown”, i.e. our government, and no, I’m not an anti-government activist, just a firm believer that *“our government has become the problem, not the solution”* as Ronald Reagan once coined. The laws that are created always have “good intentions”, but take a good look at the massive costs,

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spend hundreds of millions on trains that only a few will ever use or create jobs in the public sector at levels that far exceed private sector businesses across this state and the country. But if any politician would work at ways to get government back to essential services, protecting

huge impacts or significant limitations to the general public. If a strong conservative leader would dare look, and actually see “what’s in it”, they would be ridiculed or given justification that by eliminating the law or tax, it would disrupt the people that have become dependent

on the regulation, income, or services that target a few at the expense of us all. What's worse is that most regulation or laws create mandated annual costs, added work for monitoring and enforcement long term not to mention facilitating all the added follow up and paperwork associated with these new laws and mandates which also increases government staffing levels. Has anyone other than the lobbyists or staffers actually seen or done costing or benefit analysis for real citizen justification? Remember, it's easy to give away other people's money when they don't know it's gone! Every year, thousands and thousands of laws are enacted by politicians at the City, County, State and Federal level but very few are removed, minimized or restructured to benefit the majority of our residents.

We constantly get citizens that are focused on an individual or neighborhood issue and demand banning or paying for something that only they are dealing with and have no concern about the rest of the city or state residents. At one time, just asking staff to pull and evaluate ordinances to look at reducing staff or cut spending would put them into "justification overtime mode" to not only justify why

it couldn't be accomplished, but multiple reasons why we need an increase in government operations and additional regulation. It seems like the left believes that if they don't regulate or control it, we all would be in chaos, so much for self-control and common sense.

I run into a lot of people



that tell me "if it doesn't affect them, they don't care." The truth is that most of us are so busy with our own lives we don't take the time to look inside a bill, get active at meetings or get involved to help limit oppressive regulation and actively stand up against the bureaucracy that strips away the freedoms we have in this country. Instead we rely on the integrity and initiatives of the politicians we elect, and

hope they will be great leaders and base their decisions on knowledge of what's in all legislation and understand the impacts both financially and long term.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

The preamble of the Declaration of Independence clearly identifies not just the right, but the duty of every citizen to hold our government to our standards. When they grow to become a tyrannical monarchy we must take the pendulum and push back hard by starting with what's already on the books and strip away any laws or taxation that's outside of the guiding foundation of this country. To do that my friends, would be great leadership. TO BE CONTINUED.....