



CONGRESSMAN TOM MCCLINTOCK'S  
**CAPITOL COMMENTS**

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Dear Friends:

The first three months of the new Pelosi Congress has lived down to all of our expectations. Their growing socialist wing has taken center stage and revealed the frightening agenda of the American left:

- The “Green New Deal” would dictate a dim future of chronic shortages, confiscatory taxes and a 29-year old self-proclaimed “boss” who thinks she’s entitled to run the lives of every American.
- Bernie Sanders’ “Medicare for All” would cancel every private insurance plan in America, place a government bureaucracy in charge of every aspect of our health care and require twice the taxes to run it.
- Their open borders policies have encouraged what can only be described as the collapse of our southern border.

But there’s hope. There are encouraging signs that Americans are finally awakening to the dangerous ideology set loose in the House of Representatives by the 2018 election. The Mueller report has categorically confirmed that for two years, these same leftists concocted and pursued a hoax deliberately designed to reverse a constitutional presidential election and undermine our fundamental institutions.

If the left prevails in 2020 as they did in 2018, they will be in a position to rig our election laws, open our borders, disarm our citizens and dictate every aspect of our daily lives under the excuse of “climate change.”

In this issue, I’d like to share with you my thoughts on these subjects, adapted from speeches I’ve given on the House floor and elsewhere. I think they illustrate what’s at stake over the next two years, and why I intend to continue to speak out in Congress as long as I can get my message to local voters with your continuing support.

  
Tom McClintock



# THE WORLD IS NOT ENDING

**A**braham Lincoln told the story of boarding with the family of a Presbyterian minister on the night of the greatest meteor shower ever recorded in North America. He was awakened by the minister who shouted, “Arise Abraham, for the heavens are falling and the day of judgment has arrived.” But Lincoln noticed that despite the hysteria around him and the chaos above him, he could still see the familiar constellations fixed in the sky, and he knew the world was not about to end.

*No one denies that our planet is warming, carbon dioxide levels are increasing, and ocean levels are rising. But before we run screaming into the night, let’s also do a quick reality check. The sky isn’t falling.*

Global warming (and cooling) is nothing new: our planet has been warming on and off since the last ice age. There have been periods throughout both recorded history and pre-history when scientists tell us temperatures were much hotter (and colder) than they are today. Science tells us that carbon dioxide levels have varied widely throughout the planet’s history, and have often been many times higher than today. Science tells us that at the end of the last ice age, ocean levels were 400 feet lower than they are today and the modern rise has

been steady, small, and doesn’t correlate to carbon dioxide levels. In the Caribbean, where continuous hurricane records date back to 1690, hurricane frequency dropped 20 percent in the last century.

And despite what we are told, there is a vigorous debate within the scientific community over how much human activity influences climate compared with vastly more powerful natural forces that have driven climate change for 4 ½ billion years. As chicken little belatedly discovered, there is a big difference between an acorn and the sky.

Science thrives on civil and dispassionate debate. When someone tells you the debate is over, that dissent should be forbidden and dissenters should be personally attacked – that’s not a scientist talking – that’s a politician.

We also need to consider the enormous costs that the left would impose on each of our families in pursuit of its “Green New Deal.” We already have a taste of these policies in California, where carbon taxes have produced among the highest electricity and gasoline prices in the United States and contributed to the nation’s highest effective poverty rate.

This doesn’t mean we can’t find common ground. There are many ways to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and adapt to our changing climate that are desirable in them-

selves, quite apart from the debate over the causes of the Modern Warm Period.

For example, nuclear power plants and hydro-electric dams offer abundant and reliable power with no carbon dioxide emissions at far lower costs and with far smaller ecological footprints than wind and solar.

If we can store less moisture in the mountains as snow because of warming temperatures, doesn’t it make sense to build more reservoirs to save that water rather than lose it to the ocean?

If oceans are rising, doesn’t it make sense to phase out flood insurance subsidies that encourage people to build in flood plains by hiding the risk?

Last year’s California wildfires pumped 68 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, making a mockery of carbon dioxide restrictions. Doesn’t it make sense to harvest excess timber before it can choke off the forest and burn? Doesn’t it make sense to manage our forests to match the tree density to the ability of the land to support it? Doesn’t it make sense to space trees so that snow isn’t trapped in dense canopies to evaporate before it can reach the ground?

**And if we can’t agree on these measures, then how seriously are we really taking the purported apocalypse? ■**

# AS GOES CALIFORNIA, SO GOES THE NATION? GOD FORBID!

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**T**he Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee targeted eight Republican seats in 2018. They won seven. I was the sole survivor. There are now just seven California Republicans left in the entire 53-member delegation. It's a sad situation. We don't breed well in captivity, our critical habitat has shrunk to just a few inland pockets of reason and we are being hunted to extinction. At least those of you here today will be able to tell your children that you actually saw one once!

*And I know what you want to ask; I get it all the time. "WTF," which roughly translated from millennialese means, "What has happened to California?"*

The answer is, "A LOT has happened," but I'm concerned that two recent developments may have pushed us past a tipping point.

One is the rigging of election laws by the Democrats in Sacramento. The Democrats have always had a significant part of their constituency that can be described as dependent and disengaged: they could rarely get them to register and never get them to vote.

To register, you had to go before a deputy registrar of voters. They were easy to find; you could always find them on duty in libraries, fire houses, city and county buildings. But you had to make the effort to register with them and to declare yourself and swear to your eligibility. Registration closed 30 days before the election so that every party could canvass precincts and challenge invalid registrations.

Then, after the entire debate had concluded, we all went to a polling place on election day – usually in a neighbor's garage

– looked our neighbors in the eye, received our ballots and then went into a curtained booth to secretly record our votes.

George Will called this "the great communion of Democracy."

But over the last twenty years, the Democrats changed that in California. Registration was first made available by postcard and is now automatic upon receiving a driver's license. Same day registration was instituted so anyone could walk into a polling place on election day, show no identification, and demand a ballot. Instead of casting your ballot at your local polling place in secrecy, you are sent a ballot and can hand it to over to anyone who comes knocking at your door.

Even assuming there is no fraud in this system – and they have certainly removed all the safeguards that once protected the integrity of the ballot – this has allowed the Democrats to vote this otherwise disengaged constituency.

The other development is the inevitable result of leftist government. The good news for California Republicans is that we are still winning the vote. The bad news is, people are now voting with their feet.

The census tells us that California is suffering a sustained and steady net domestic outmigration. Last year, 138,000 more people moved out of California than moved in. Over the past decade, a million more people moved out than moved in. A net of three million more people have moved out since 1990. The only reason California's population is still growing is because of babies and foreign immigration, much of that illegal.

My Texas colleagues complain about all the Californians moving in and bringing their bad political habits with them. But according to polling done by the Texas

Tribune, they should be celebrating: the California expatriates moving to Texas are two-to-one conservative. Two to one. That's a net loss of about two million conservative voters from California since 1990.

And oddly, it is disproportionately the middle class that's leaving. A friend of mine makes a very good living these days from Utah advising California companies on re-locating. His rule of thumb is this: if you make over \$500,000 a year, then, hey, you can afford the nice weather. If you make under \$50,000 a year, your taxes are relatively low and there's lots of free stuff. But if you make between \$50,000 and \$500,000, get out while you still can.

Last month, a statewide poll discovered that 53 percent of Californians want to leave – and 63 percent of California millennials want out. These are the same millennials who tell pollsters they prefer socialism. It's very strange that so many young people seem to love socialism but hate the conditions that socialism produces. Our challenge is to get them to connect those dots.

A generation of leftist government in California has turned what we once called "The Golden State" into the state with the highest effective poverty rate in the nation.

We once boasted the finest public school system in the country – today only 29% of California fourth graders in the state are proficient in math, and only 28% are proficient in reading – each the third lowest share of any state in the country.

California's strong sentencing laws of the 1980's and 90's brought crime down dramatically. They have now been replaced with sanctuary policies and measures releasing dangerous criminals back into

California communities. And here's a shock: California's violent crime rate has been heading back up again for the last four years in a row.

We have the 2nd highest gasoline tax in the nation and rank 46th in per capita highway spending. Is it any wonder that California's freeways – which were once the envy of the world – now consistently rank among the worst highway systems in the country?

Housing restrictions and regulations have constrained the housing supply in California by an estimated 3 ½ million units over the last 15 years, forcing housing prices to among the highest in the nation. In 1974 – Ronald Reagan's last year as Governor – the median price of a home was \$176,000 in 2018 dollars. That same home today costs \$544,000 – roughly three times as much in inflation-adjusted dollars. We have the fourth highest per capita homeless rate in the nation.

A state with among the most abundant water resources in the nation has not built a major reservoir over a million acre-feet since 1979, while the population has doubled. We now face the fiasco of year-round daily residential water rationing of 55-gallons under legislation signed last year by Gov. Jerry Brown and scheduled to take effect in just a few years.

Green energy policies have forced California's electricity prices to the 7th highest in the nation, and produced the nation's second highest gasoline prices – trailing only Hawaii.

This isn't the fault of taxpayers: Californians pay the highest income tax rate, the highest state sales tax rate, and fourth highest corporate tax rate in the country. Not surprisingly, the major discussion in Sacramento is whether to impose a split roll commercial property tax, a new tax on water or tax the internet. No doubt they will compromise and settle on all three.

Socialism has been sold to a new generation as the cooperative, caring and charitable form of governance, while Capitalism – freedom – is derided as greedy, selfish and corrupt.

We need to start reminding people it is exactly the opposite. There is only one possible way to succeed in a capitalist system: you must fulfill the needs of somebody else. You succeed to the exact extent that you help your neighbor.

Socialism is the taking of what one person has earned by meeting the needs of others and distributing those earnings to those who have not. It shouldn't surprise us that those who do the redistributing redistribute much of it to themselves and their supporters.

Socialism by whatever name they choose – democratic socialism, European socialism, social justice – however they try to disguise themselves – all comes down to a belief that society should be forcibly directed and structured by a benevolent, all powerful government. Capitalism comes down to a belief that the choices we make in our lives should be voluntary and based upon mutual consent.

Lest we forget, EVERY society that has fallen for the Siren's song of a benevolent and all-powerful government awakens one morning to discover that the benevolence is gone and the all-powerful government is still there.

We're seeing the end of that in Venezuela, the beginning of that in California and the rest of the country should watch and learn before it is too late.

And that is our greatest challenge: to restore an appreciation and reverence for the principles of freedom enshrined in the American founding that centuries of experience have proven to produce the happiest, most productive, most cooperative and most peaceful societies in the history of human civilization.

When two forms of government are tried throughout the centuries – and one consistently produces prosperity, justice, and happiness – and the other consistently produces poverty, corruption and misery – it stuns me that this question is even in contention.

To me, the most important thing we can do is assure the same ruinous leftist policies that are destroying California and

Illinois and New York and Venezuela and Europe – don't go any farther throughout the rest of the country. That's why I ran for Congress many years ago. I had seen these policies slowly corrupt and erode the Golden State of opportunity that my parents had found. I did not want them to bring down what Lincoln called "The last best hope of mankind on this earth."

We cannot let that happen to America. After all, we can always move to another state. But where do we go if we lose our country?

The Green New Deal is just the latest version of Jerry Brown's era of limits – when he cancelled highways and dams in mid-construction; stopped new electricity generation and began the 45-year process of strangling the two mainstays of the economy – agriculture and manufacturing – to death.

The California laws that have done so much damage to the integrity of our elections, are all included among the components of HR 1 – so numbered because the Democrats consider it to be their most important bill of the congressional session. They voted that bill out of the House last week, with the intention of suppressing free speech, expropriating taxpayer funds for their campaigns, and rigging every election across the country as they have in California.

When you consider these laws, and others like them, proposed or passed by the new House majority, you can see how close we are as a nation to the precipice. We can look to California to see where all this is heading, and how a single election – this next election – could tip our country over the edge with it.

History is screaming warnings at us. Nations that cannot or will not defend their borders aren't around very long. Nations that bankrupt themselves aren't around very long. But most of all: free nations that lose the memory of freedom aren't around very long.

**Let's go out there and save our country. And once we've done that, then maybe we can even save California! ■**

# WHAT HATH PELOSI WROUGHT?

ADAPTED FROM SPEECHES BY CONGRESSMAN MCCLINTOCK ON THE HOUSE FLOOR



The majority party reserves the first bill numbers of the new congress to showcase its highest priorities. Three such bills were passed off the House floor on near party-line votes last month, challenging the most fundamental freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

HR 1, presumably the most important of their priorities, would suppress the right of Americans to criticize politicians during the elections, while rigging federal elections laws in the same manner as they have in California.

Consent of the governed is the cornerstone of our democracy. In America, the people are the sovereign and they govern through the votes they cast. At the very core of this process is fair and free elections. Every citizen should be free to express themselves freely and to vote, and no citizen should be muzzled or have their legitimate vote cancelled out by a fraudulent one.

*Democracies die when one party seizes control of the elections process, eliminates the safeguards that have protected the integrity of the ballot, places restrictions on free speech, and seizes the earnings of individual citizens to promote candidates they may abhor.*

That is HR 1 in a nutshell. It destroys the bi-partisan composition of the Federal Elections Commission and places a partisan majority in control of every aspect of our federal elections. It imposes limits on free

speech that has earned the opposition of the American Civil Liberties Union. It matches a contribution of \$200 given to a candidate with \$1,200 taken from others who may oppose that candidate.

Worst of all, it undermines the integrity of the ballot and opens the floodgates to fraud. The purpose of registration periods is to allow parties to canvass the rolls and challenge improper registrations, while assuring candidates know exactly who's voting. The reason we require election-day voting at a polling place is to assure voters cast their ballots in secret, after they had heard the entire debate and after verifying their identity to their neighbors. This bill sweeps away these few remaining vestiges of ballot integrity.

Democracies die by suicide, and the Democrats' first bill is just such an instrument.

Two other priority measures passed on similar partisan votes, brought to us by the same organizations and politicians who have made no secret of their intention ultimately to strip law-abiding citizens of their right to defend themselves. They know they can't do it outright, so they do it through cynical measures like these, which weave a web of laws so intricate that sooner or later everyone can be caught up in them.

One law would make criminals out of any gun owners who hand a gun from their collection to a friend to look at; or exchange shotguns with a friend on a hunt and then separate for any period of time; or loan a gun to a next-door neighbor who is being

victimized by a stalker; or give a gun to a stepson or great grandson; or any of countless other innocent actions.

These flaws were all pointed out to the bill's supporters and none were addressed. Why not? The reason should be obvious. Its true purpose is to make gun ownership so legally hazardous, so fraught with legal booby-traps and draconian penalties, that no honest and law-abiding citizen would ever want to take the risk.

The other bill cleverly and insidiously sets up a potentially never-ending bureaucratic review process before a gun can be purchased. Here's how it works: a background check is only good for 30 calendar days from the day you apply, yet this bill sets up a 20-business day delay process. If a single holiday falls within that window, or the store is closed on weekends or you slip a single day, your background check application is no longer valid. You must start over in a perpetual cycle in which the government never denies your purchase, but also never allows it.

Last October, a ten-year study by Johns Hopkins and U.C. Davis concluded that California's background check law had no effect on gun homicides or suicides. None. The purpose of these bills is not public safety. That's a deceptive facade.

Most criminals already get their guns illegally and are unconstrained by laws like these. Make no mistake: these bills are aimed squarely at law-abiding citizens, moving us closer to a society where decent people are defenseless and armed criminals are kings. ■



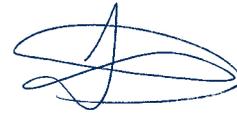
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## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

I want to thank everyone who has donated to Tom's campaign and everyone who has signed up to volunteer. For those of you who haven't had the time or the opportunity to visit Tom's website at [www.TomMcClintock.com](http://www.TomMcClintock.com), I would like to encourage you do that when you get a moment. On the website, you can sign up to get updates or volunteer on the campaign. You can also make a donation to Tom's campaign. You can also follow Tom's campaign on Facebook and Twitter at the addresses below. If you have any questions about the campaign, you can also reach me at 916-787-0112. As Tom's campaign manager, I cannot

emphasize enough how important your support is to the success of Tom's campaign. It was with your support that Tom was able to prevail in last November's election, and it is your support that will ensure Tom wins again in 2020.



-JON HUEY, CAMPAIGN MANAGER





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# I NEED YOUR HELP TO WIN IN 2020!



Thank you for standing by me last year. Your loyal and generous support made the difference by assuring I had the resources to defend this seat against the radical left.

Nancy Pelosi's Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee targeted eight California Republican seats last year, and I was the only one to survive. The massive influx of leftist money combined with one-sided election laws literally cut our Republican delegation in half - from 14 seats down to just seven - out of a total of 53 California House seats.

In this district, I was outspent more than three-to-one. But you gave me enough to respond to the attacks and get my message out to voters. In the end, the Democrats spent more than \$4.6 million dollars here - in vain.

Here's the simple math behind the challenge now ahead of us: I'm now one of just seven remaining Republican representatives from California. That means that the Democrats will try to double down next year. They certainly have the resources to do it.

Countering the enormous built-in advantage that Democrats have in California doesn't require that we out-spend them. It DOES require that we reach the voters and make our case. With your help, I was able to do that in 2018, and I'll need you standing with me again this year as we rebuild for 2020.

**WILL YOU HELP ME BY USING THE ENCLOSED CONTRIBUTION FORM TO MAKE A DONATION TODAY?**