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Folks, I am Marcia Horne. I am a Republican, an American and a Vermonter. I am also a firm believer in Democracy and our market capitalist system and intend to unseat Congressman Welch in next year's election.

Voters, this election 2020, are faced with a choice not typically found in our election process. Your votes next year will be counted, in many cases, not only for the candidate you choose, but also for what they stand and fight for, whether it be our current Democracy and market capitalist system as it stands or a socialist framework that will fundamentally shift the fiber of our Democracy and our economy, unless undone, for generations to come.

After election 2018, newcomers to Congress presented socialist ideals and legislative changes that weren't presented to their corresponding voting districts during the previous year's election. Those lawmakers, combined with Senator Sanders, Congressman Welch, Senator Warren and others shifted the Democratic Party doctrine. This change wasn't a response to a grass roots movement among the people, such as Vermonters, New Yorkers or others. However, this philosophical shift in the Democratic Party is pronounced and extreme.

Keep in mind that the Democratic Party had, as its philosophical basis, the redistribution of wealth for the purpose of raising the poor out of poverty. The Republicans also agreed with the redistribution of wealth for that purpose. Divergences among the two parties included the amount of income tax that would be levied and upon whom it would be levied, for that purpose and others.

Now, Democratic Lawmakers would like to imitate a "wealth tax" on existing wealth, increase taxes overall and dispense to everyone health care, make available to everyone higher education at state schools and gain control of corporate, business and market conduct.

I found it interesting is that Democratic Lawmakers and Presidential Candidates refer to the government corruption and the high school educational system as grossly inadequate while presenting their plans to extend government power and control over the health care industry, higher education, corporate and business America and the markets.

Their new framework that includes the introduction of the taxation of existing wealth - 2% -each and every year over 50 million, the phasing out of FASFA with the introduction of a Federally funded state school education and Medicaid for all.

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There is more from the new Democrats, equal pay for equal work, heard from Hilary Clinton in 2016, and a \$15 federal minimum wage phase in.

Some Democratic lawmakers have suggested a \$15 an hour minimum unemployment/non-employment payment.

Folks, that is change, a level of fundamental and economic change that this country has never seen. I'd like to give to you my explanation and response with a brief review.

Our Democracy is based upon the philosophy of John Locke, who explained inalienable rights or God given rights, that being bestowed upon people may not be taken. He explained that no person or set of people may, with virtue, rule over others in such a way that claims as its property the Inalienable rights of its people. His argument was that we are all of the same species, born in the same manner, what right does a King (or government) have to one's property, one's freedom, one's happiness? None.

Our government was founded on a principle, being that it's purpose was to protect and defend our rights and freedoms- equally, not to infringe upon them- all equally. Our government was formed to protect our property, rights and freedoms in such a way that does not impose an infringement to the rights, freedoms and properties of others. Federal, state and local town laws for more than 200 years have been fashioned based upon the same principle.

Rights are endowed upon us from the Creator. Those rights include; the right to own property-and to build or acquire wealth, the right to live and raise a family in safety, the right to one's person- in that a person is the owner of himself/herself and the right to the pursuit of happiness.

Democratic Lawmakers have chosen to add tangible items to what we refer to as "rights", such as health care and higher education. In doing so, Democratic Lawmakers are, in essence, attempting to change the very fiber of our Democracy. Congress had, in the past referred to "access to health care" and "access to education" as human rights. The change in the language has led to a series of concepts now being discussed this election 2020. A "livable wage" is now also being called a "right" by Senator Sanders and other.

There's more. Democratic lawmakers have also included a shift in the role of government to accommodate their changes in the definition of "rights". They propose to make the Federal government an entity that will dispense health care, dispense higher education, restrict and oversee corporations and businesses with regard to earnings and wages as well as restrict and oversee the markets. Democratic lawmakers, in dispensing health care and higher education, also intend to oversee both industries.

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Keep in mind that Medicaid for all means that all will have Medicaid and only Medicaid. Essentially, this country's health care will become determined by Medicaid and the Federal Government. Health care will only be what Medicaid doctors prescribe. Without a variety of health care insurance companies and independent doctors and hospitals, this country and its people will severely suffer from a lack of choice. Over time, history has shown us that under such scenarios quality deteriorates due to lack of innovation and government cost cutting.

With their legislative agenda imposed on this people, many freedoms will be infringed and even constricted in their entirety.

- ❖ The freedom of impoverished straight "A" students to attend the competitive colleges.
- ❖ The freedom of wealthy persons with over 50 million to hold their own wealth
- ❖ The freedom of a patient at a clinic to find another type of medicine or style of medicine for his/her treatment. Medicaid for all means only Medicaid for all and only what Medicaid will prescribe.
- ❖ The freedom of a small business owner to give a raise to a valued employee. Equal pay for equal work won't allow individual raises.
- ❖ The freedom of a production line worker to find better pay at another company.
- ❖ The freedom of an auto shop to give higher pay to more skilled workers
- ❖ The freedom of a business women to pay more to her female employees
- ❖ The freedom of a high school student to attend Juiard or Berkley School of Music.
- ❖ The freedom of business owners to attract workers with higher pay.

People, there are many inherent problems with their construct. I firmly oppose changing our Democracy, our capitalist markets, our industries or any other facet of this country to accommodate socialism in any form.

Let's begin with the "wealth tax". Senator Warren explains that those persons in the category that will be subject to the wealth tax have benefited from roads, law enforcement, the educational system, etc and should send in 2% of their existing wealth over 50 million, each and every year.

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People, the roads have been built and paid for, along with the remainder of this county's infrastructure- with the income tax and real estate tax dollars that it has received from all its citizens, including the wealthy.

This is a poor excuse to try to find a way to extract the existing wealth of individuals. That wealth has been earned, taxed and is in use, either in as an ownership of a business, real estate, investments, art, etc.

Philosophically, the "wealth tax" is a shift towards communism, as it intends to shift property- already taxed, from those who own it into the hands of the government.

Working within our system, some Democratic Lawmakers and Candidates for President-whom may see themselves as revolutionaries, are attempting to take much from this country and its people.

Consider the economic ramifications of such an enterprise.

The money supply will decline as wealthy persons and their wealth will flee this country. Liquidations would certainly occur for that purpose, setting forth selling pressure on real estate and the markets.

Banks will suffer as their lending capacity will decline. With fewer funds to lend, setting forth further downward pressure on real estate prices and auto sales would decline.

As lending fuels commerce and this economy, every facet of US industry would be affected. I would expect massive layoffs, surges in unemployment as a result.

And that's just for starters.

And WHY? Why should this country shift towards communism and remove property from the hands of its own people? To fund a socialist platform that includes phasing out FASFA, phasing in a Federally funded state education and to set forth Medicaid for all.

How important is FASFA? From September 2016 thru till June 2017 85% of the college student population received FASFA and attended colleges throughout the country, including ivy league, as well as institutions such as Bennington College, New England Culinary Institute and Ithaca College and Amherst. Wheaton College in Norton Massachusetts my alma mater, is included in that statistic.

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Consider the student population of the senior class trying to get into UVM and other state schools, here in Vermont. There isn't room for them. Consider Massachusetts, with a number of state schools. Not enough. Consider the colleges such Dartmouth, Middlebury. Who will attend? Only those that can afford it.

The ramifications on higher education would be immeasurable. Many private institutions would fail. Those who manage to survive would be considered would be autonomous of government control and, as such, a highly desirable place to send one's children. However, the days of the many private colleges and universities would be over. No more would there be a wealth of private and independent educational institutions in this country.

Medicaid for all? We can surely make it available to everyone. And certainly- for those that have an income and can pay a health care premium, their premium should be income based- and, as such, affordable. A monthly premium for those who can afford it isn't to deny access to the same. We don't need to shift this country towards socialism or communism so that we can "give" health care to people that can afford it. not at all.

We need our private health care industry. Estimates from Senator Warren and Senator Sanders range from 20 trillion to 30 trillion or more over 10 years. Those dollar figures assume the cost of insuring everyone, as that is what is meant by Medicaid for all. Folks - WRONG WAY.

A private health care insurance industry is integral to ensuring that people have health care insurance and integral to our economy as a whole. We need to foster our health care industry. We need to lower prescription costs- further than what is now proposed- to the degree that this countries prescription drug companies are competitive with those in other countries. There is one great big world out there and our pharmaceutical companies can and should compete in world markets. AND folks, that's not socialism, that's not communism, that's Democracy with an applicable reference to the Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914.

People- that's not who we are, that's not what this country is about.

This election I will be fighting for our Democracy, our corporations, our businesses, our children's future, our health care industry and our equality with a philosophical basis that we all know very well, one that has been in place since this county's inception, one that Vermonters hold close to their hearts; our country as it stands without socialism and our Democracy as it stands as it stands without socialism.

Please join me in this fight.