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To those gathered at the Orlando Tea Party-

As a fifth generation Floridian and as a proud conservative, I thank you for being here today, for standing up for freedom, and for making your voices heard.

Your message of freedom is needed now more than ever. I believe history only repeats itself when we fail to heed its warnings and learn its lessons—and today—we stand here not so much at a moment of great crisis—but at a moment of great opportunity. Those of us who believe in liberty, freedom, smaller government and personal responsibility have the opportunity right now to stand up and to fight for all that makes our state and our nation great.

Some look at these complex problems our state and our nation are facing and see a simple solution – more money. They argue that we simply need to raise taxes and spend our way out of our current problems. They seem to believe there's a magical dollar figure out there—that if we could just spend that right amount of money our problems would fade away.

I would respectfully suggest to you that just as excessive borrowing and rampant spending by the private sector created this crisis; it is foolish to believe that excessive borrowing and spending by the public sector will get us out of it.

Easy money is never a substitute for hard work. New spending cannot close a deficit of ideas or change basic laws of economics. No matter how much we may wish it were otherwise, you cannot borrow your way out of debt.

Know that your voices are heard and that you are making a difference. I will continue to fight for you and for the constitutional principles that make our state and our nation the greatest place on earth. Thank you-- God Bless Florida and God Bless these United States of America.

Sincerely,

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