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Glass-Steagall Now

The single most important policy initiative for the future of New Jersey is the reinstatement of the original FDR-era Glass-Steagall Act. Both Governor Christie and President Barack Obama, because of their loyalty to Wall Street, oppose this crucial action.

Glass-Steagall separates commercial from investment banking and would halt the bailouts of Wall Street speculators, bankrupting them, as they should have been bankrupted in 2007.

Once Wall Street is out of the way (preferably behind bars), the nation can take a page from Paterson founder Alexander Hamilton, bankrupt the Federal Reserve, and return to a Constitutional national bank and credit policy, with federal credit directed toward great public works projects like NAWAPA XXI.

For the state of New Jersey, this would mean bringing our skilled work force out of retirement to train a new generation of workers who would construct long overdue storm surge barriers, as well as inland water management projects, build the ARC Tunnel, or its equivalent, and begin construction on several new fourth generation nuclear power plants to supersede Oyster Creek, which is being taken offline in 2019.

Part of the problem in finding young skilled workers today is that our nation has undergone a degeneration of culture. As a classically trained musician, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of young people learning to develop their creativity through Classical music, art and drama, as well as through replicating the scientific discoveries of the greatest geniuses known to man, several of whom (Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Alexander Hamilton) lived and worked in New Jersey.

For this reason I strongly oppose the so-called "Common Core Curriculum" which is designed to destroy the creative powers of our youth and turn them into slave-labor, or worse, and which test scores will be used to fire our most experienced and skilled teachers to replace them with test administrators.

I have been a student and associate of Lyndon LaRouche, the most brilliant and accurate economic forecaster on the planet, for 25 years. I know what I am talking about, and I know that what I am proposing would restore prosperity and optimism to our state and our nation.

It has been 50 years since our last future-oriented leader, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. It is now time to return our nation and the State of New Jersey to their true historical identity.