



Dear Fellow Republicans,

I want to start by thanking you for taking time out of your busy schedule and braving the weather to attend our caucuses. Your participation is important, and I thank you for your involvement in keeping our party on track and on the way back.

Although I am from Sioux City, I'll be in Scott County today attending their caucuses.

Since starting my campaign for Governor last summer I have logged over 50,000 miles visiting every corner of our state. But I haven't just been meeting with Republicans, I've attended Tea Party events across Iowa. I have done so because I believe the support of those Tea Party Patriots and 9-12 Groups is key to our victory in November. These good conservatives should be Republicans, but too many of them feel our party has lost its way, and hasn't held true to the values that are expected of us.

I am running for Governor to change that.

If we are to take back Terrace Hill next fall, Republicans need to offer a stark contrast to Chet Culver's failed leadership and misguided policies. Iowa conservatives; be they Republicans, Tea Party activists, or just Independent voters, will not rally to our cause if the contrast presented is a choice between who raised taxes the most, or whose budget deficit was larger, or who issued the most bonds.

Iowa needs a new leader who doesn't just talk the talk, but has proven they will walk the walk.

For the last decade I've proven my credentials. When Gov. Vilsack vetoed our bill to protect private property rights, I engineered the first veto over-ride in forty years to restore your rights and protect Iowans from eminent domain. My colleagues asked me to lead the debate in the House of Representatives to restore traditional marriage. I've stood up to three different Governors and opposed spending plans Iowa taxpayers couldn't afford. The National Right to Work Committee recognized my efforts at protecting individual liberty and presented me with their Fanin Award.

As Speaker of the House I passed a balanced budget four years in a row that did not raise taxes, nor take on more debt. I've done it before, and know that I can do it again.

I'm running for Governor because our state is in the midst of a perfect storm – declining employment, skyrocketing taxes and a failing education system. What do these three problems have in common? Property taxes, property taxes, property taxes. Chet Culver has watched the storm clouds gather, but provided no leadership or answers. Worse yet, his actions have only made a bad situation more dire. I am running to lead with solutions. While there are no silver bullets, I have proposed a five point plan to control property taxes and restore job growth. You can find it on our website at www.rants2010.com.

I hope you will look there to learn more about property taxes, our proposal to protect your Second Amendment Rights, and my plan to overturn the Supreme Court ruling and restore traditional marriage in Iowa.

Thank you for participating today,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Rants". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Christopher Rants