

"POLITICAL GREED AT IT'S BEST, PERFECTED BY OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS"

FEBRUARY 20, 2014: 3:30pm: LISTENING TO "WOMEN OF ROCK" ON OCTANE

I'VE SPOKEN ABOUT HOW I HATE POLITICAL GREED, HOW POLITICIANS ARE CORRUPT AND HOW THEY MADE LAWS SO THAT THEY CAN LEGALLY STEAL FROM AMERICAN TAX PAYERS. I TYPED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE FROM A NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT WAS DONE AND THOUGH I MIGHT NOT BE A TAX PAYER, MY FAMILY IS, YOU ARE AND YOU SHOULD BE OUTRAGED. PLEASE READ ON AND TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK. SHOULD WE HAVE TO PAY OUR POLITICIANS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MORE FOR FOOD, GAS, A CAR, A PLACE TO SLEEP/LIVE, OR SHOULD THEY BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR IT THEMSELVES? MY BROTHER JUSTIN HAS A GIRLFRIEND, A 2 YEAR OLD GORGEOUS BABY LUCCIANA, AND HE WORKS AT A SUPERMARKET. HE DOESN'T GET FREE MONEY FOR HIS FOOD AND RENT, AND NEITHER SHOULD SOME OVERPAID POLITICIAN. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK:

A FORMER STATE LAWMAKER FROM THE SCRANTON AREA, WHO IS NOW A COUNTY COMMISSIONER THERE, USED TAX-FREE PER-DIEM (FREE MONEY HE NEVER HAS TO REPORT OR PAY BACK) EXPENSES TO BUY A HOUSE IN HARRISBURG AND THEN SELL IT FOR A NICE PROFIT. WHP-TV 21 REPORTS THAT LACKAWANNA COUNTY COMMISSIONER JAMES WANSACZ, BOUGHT A 3 BEDROOM HOUSE IN DOWNTOWN HARRISBURG IN 2003 FOR \$72,000 AND RECENTLY SOLD IT FOR \$124,000. THE TV STATION REPORTS THAT WANSACZ COLLECTED \$162,904 IN PER-DIEM EXPENSES, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, PER-DIEM EXPENSES IS MONEY GIVEN TO LAWMAKERS FOR LODGING AND MEALS. HE WAS ABLE TO COLLECT THIS DUE TO "LOOPHOLES" IN EXPENSE REGULATIONS AND USE THE MONEY TO PAY THE MORTGAGE ON THE HARRISBURG HOUSE. THE TV STATION USED THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW AND FOUND OUT THAT WANSACZ COLLECTS A \$72,702 ANNUAL PENSION AND "HE ALSO COLLECTS \$25,457 IN ANNUAL HEALTH BENEFITS". WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHY DOES HE GET 25 GRAND FOR HEALTH BENEFITS? IS HE BETTER THEN US? OR CROOKED? THE LEGISLATURE'S PER-DIEM SYSTEM EXEMPTS SECOND HOMES WHICH MEANS THAT WANSACZ COULD LIVE IN HARRISBURG DURING THE SESSION AND STILL COLLECT PER-DIEMS AND LEGALLY BEAT THE 50 MILE RULE. THE STATION ALSO REPORTS THAT OTHER LAWMAKERS ALSO USE THIS SAME LOOPHOLE TO BUY HOMES IN THE HARRISBURG AREA. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THIS, WANSACZ SAID THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN BUYING A HOUSE WITH TAX PAYER FREE MONEY OR USING IT TO PAY FOR A HOTEL ROOM.

SO WHAT THIS MAN IS SAYING IS THAT HE CAN STEAL THE TAX PAYERS MONEY AND USE IT TO BUY A HOUSE WHEN HE SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE WITH IT AND USE IT FOR IT'S INTENDED PURPOSE. I'M PRETTY OUTRAGED. THIS IS INSANE. HOW DO WE AMERICANS LET THESE POLITICIANS GET AWAY WITH THIS? A PER-DIEM IS JUST A FREE CHECK FOR A POLITICIAN. WHY ARE THEY SO

SPECIAL? WHY DO TAXPAYERS HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR LODGING, THEIR MEALS, THEIR CARS? POLITICIANS WORK FOR US, THE PEOPLE. THEY ARE ALL ALREADY PAID AN ENORMOUS SALARY AND THEY WANT MORE. WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR GROCERIES, BILLS AND A PLACE TO SLEEP, LET THE TAXPAYERS DO IT. IS THIS RIGHT? WHO DO YOU THINK FOOTS THE BILL WHEN THE PRESIDENT, NOT JUST OBAMA, EVERY PRESIDENT, THROWS A BIG PARTY FOR MOVIE STARS AND RAPPERS AND SINGERS? YOU DO, THE TAX PAYERS, IS THIS RIGHT? SHOULD YOU FOOT THE BILL FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR A PARTY THAT YOU CANNOT ATTEND? I DON'T THINK SO. THIS IS A TOPIC THAT SHOULD OUTRAGE OUR COUNTRY'S CITIZENS BUT NOT MANY PEOPLE CARE. SO YOU TELL ME, DO YOU CARE? I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH THIS: PA PRISONS ARE OVERCROWDED, THEY ARE BUILDING 2 MORE PRISONS NOW CALLED SCI PHOENIX 1 AND 2. BUT PA TAXPAYERS ARE SPENDING ABOUT \$30,000 PER YEAR TO KEEP DRUG ADDICTS LOCKED UP, HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND NON VIOLENT OFFENDERS. WOULDN'T YOUR MONEY BE BETTER SPENT ELSEWHERE?

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. TAKE CARE, GOD BLESS AND STAY SAFE, CIAO.