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Mr. Schaefer:

In your letter of March 3rd, you mention three actions to be taken to address the nation's fall into socialism.

First you say we should “flex our federalism muscles.” The example you give is to pass legislation that will withhold state and local resources in the enforcement of federal laws that violate the Second Amendment. I realize that you are a bit young to remember the Waco Branch Davidian Siege in 1993. If you go back and review that incident, you will see that federal agents, ATF, FBI, and Justice Department, decided to “serve a warrant” by means of an armed raid on the Branch Davidian compound. The warrant was based on unsubstantiated reports of gun violations—I do not believe any of those reports have ever been substantiated. The initial “raid” took place without the knowledge of the county sheriff and was carried out as a full-out assault. During the siege, regular army assets were used and Alabama National Guardsmen were brought in. At the end of the 51-day siege, 82 occupants of the compound were killed, including men, women, and children. Four ATF agents were also killed in the initial assault. So, please spare me the talk about a “Second Amendment Sanctuary State”. The federal government will not need local support and they will not ask permission.

Secondly, you point to President Trump's appointment of “conservative” justices to the Supreme Court. We have already seen these judges dodge the unconstitutional actions in several states concerning election laws. You specifically mention the abortion issue. The Democrats have made clear their intent to “codify Roe v. Wade” by enacting legislation preempting state abortion laws to insure that, if the court should overturn Roe, the law would not materially change. Enacting such a law would probably require the elimination of the Senate filibuster, but that is being widely discussed. You can pass what you like, but I wouldn't count on the Supreme Court upholding the law of a state over a federal law. It appears, as usual, the Democrat Socialists are one step ahead.

I appreciate your optimism regarding the mid-term elections in 2022. So, let's assume you are right and we manage to achieve a Republican majority in the House AND the Senate as was the case in 2014. By then, the damage done may well be beyond repair. And here is one thing I have observed—when Republicans have the majority, they

simply hold ground. No unconstitutional agencies are ever abolished and few if any laws are passed that rescind unconstitutional laws passed when the Democrats are in control. In fact, Democrats act like they are in the majority even when they are not! Already, by executive order, President Biden has destroyed many of the “accomplishments” of the Trump administration.

Oh, and that pledge you say daily, was written by a socialist, Francis Bellamy as part of a marketing scheme in 1892 aimed at selling flags to schools. “The recital was accompanied with a salute to the flag known as the [Bellamy salute](#). During [World War II](#), the salute was replaced with a hand-over-heart gesture because the original form involved stretching the arm out towards the flag in a manner that resembled the later [Nazi salute](#).” (*Fortune*, September 8, 2017, “How a Socialist Ended up Writing the Pledge of Allegiance)

If we stay with this union, what future do you see for your children and grandchildren? Ten, twenty, fifty years from now, when this is just another socialist country, will you look back at a time when we could have made a difference for them? Will it matter that they will still be able to draw social security--if it still exists, considering that we are rapidly approaching thirty trillion dollars of debt? Around Bullard and Tyler I see yard signs proclaiming, “GOD IS IN CONTROL”, and I can’t argue with that! But, God was in control when his chosen people were allowed to be enslaved in Egypt. When God spoke to Moises from the Burning Bush, he didn’t tell him to go to his tent, put out a yard sign, and pray for Pharaoh. It was not until Moises took the staff in his hand and confronted Pharaoh that freedom became a reality. That first step for us is a vote.

“We, therefore, the delegates with plenary powers of the people of Texas, in solemn convention assembled, appealing to a candid world for the necessities of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political connection with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and independent republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations; and, conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the Supreme arbiter of the destinies of nations.” These words were written as the Siege of the Alamo neared its bloody end and the Battle of San Jacinto had yet to be fought. Had our founders, those who fought in the Texas Revolution, waited until all of their “What If’s” had been answered, we would still be speaking Spanish and sending our federal tax dollars to Mexico City. But they, like the patriots of 1776, were willing to risk all so that they and their descendants could live in freedom.

Sincerely,

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