



Recently, our Commerce convened a group of concerned business leaders for a bipartisan discussion focused on the Nation's Debt and Financial Crisis. We brought together strong-minded Republicans and Democrats and found agreement that our country is on the verge of financial collapse as a result of decades of borrowing and spending.

After contemplating solutions, we wrote to the National Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (the "Super Committee) with grave concern regarding the financial state of our nation. Our concern is not that America is *approaching* a financial problem, that crisis is here; the concern lies with what kind of responsible approach government takes in dealing with federal fiscal issues.

These 12 members of the Super Committee have a lot of power. They are in a position to save America...or make it worse.

Given that Republicans and Democrats in Pitt County are willing to work together, compromise and put the country first, we feel very strongly that these leaders in Washington can put aside some egos and do the same.

We realize that we – Greenville/Pitt -- are only one community in a nation of 300+ million, but we believe that grassroots efforts are needed to urge the decision makers in Washington to responsibly take action.

Our objective is to be a part of the solution and to make our voice heard so that we may assist policymakers in efforts to get the American economy back on a balanced fiscal path.

In our letter, we outlined **four** significant items that we asked the committee to take into consideration as they work to create a plan of action:

- **The Simpson-Bowles Report**

We believe the recommendations in this report have merit. There is no doubt that implementing recommendations like these would be unpopular, and would cause grief and even hardship, there is no way this country can get back on solid financial footing without hardship. We ALL have to be willing to sacrifice.

- **The Comeback America Initiative's Fiscal Frameworks**

Consider the reforms outlined by Former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker's report as adequate solutions to restoring fiscal sanity. Mr. Walker is non-partisan and extremely knowledgeable and experienced in this arena and his recommendations should be strongly considered.

- **Public Engagement on Ramifications if Action is Not Taken**

It is imperative that Americans be made fully aware of the potential consequences our country faces should we not achieve fiscal sustainability. Creating a sense of urgency is paramount in order to gain support across the country when sacrifices must be made.

- **Election Reform**

Election Reform must be implemented. We strongly support term limits for Members of Congress and ask that such legislation be introduced and enacted as part of the solution to save our country.

As leaders in this effort to save America, this committee has the daunting task of making tough, unpopular decisions. We are asking them to provide strong, tough leadership to save our country. We are asking them to make decisions like they do not care if they get re-elected.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -- **Margaret Mead**

If you would like to write to the members of this committee, visit www.greenvillenc.org/ga for the contact information. And be sure to copy your letter to Congressmen Butterfield and Jones and Senators Burr and Hagan.