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Question: So Mark Speaks with My Voice. Great. What's he going to say?

Answer: It's the Economy, You Insightful and Intelligent Folks

Here's Why: The fastest acting and best long term policy action the federal government could take would be to lower its expenditures. This would lower the amount of money diverted from the productive economy to less efficient uses. Doing that, however, is a lot more difficult than it sounds. Since government is a political institution there's always the temptation to cut spending right *After* the pork is brought home this time. It's a problem that has plagued legislators of all parties.

It's time to start some Buzz around the idea of 'Doing the Right Thing' for the economy. We fought a 50 Year Cold War to determine what the dominant political philosophy would be here on Earth, and Capitalism won. So it is incumbent on the world's largest economy to apply that political philosophy effectively.

We haven't always done so, and nowhere is that more evident than right here in Rhode Island. The super majority in our state legislature has used its unchallengeable political power for years to bestow 'Gifts' on those who are connected. Those gifts might have been Tax Breaks, Patronage Positions, No-Bid Contracts, or other One-Time Good Deals but they have collectively added up to a Half Billion Dollar Deficit here in the Smallest State. And things at the federal level aren't much better.

We have to stop letting government choose how economic assets are distributed. Individuals are much more capable of doing that efficiently.

Individuals are also capable of screwing it all up, of course, but when they do it's for a single family not for a whole nation. Still, that individual risk has been the catalyst for making government the Parent of Last Resort over the last 75 years.

The last Seventy-Five Years can't be reversed overnight, but we do have to start granting individuals both the Responsibility and the Authority to make their own decisions.

All that said, Economic Issues are not Mark's #1 Priority. Actually they are *Tied* for First with Education. The two are joined at the hip. Read on to find out why.