

## **Tom McGrath**

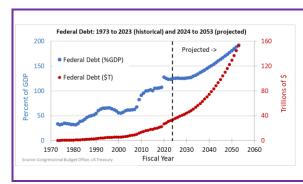
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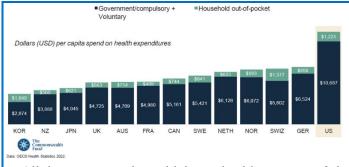
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Tom is fiscally conservative (don't spend more than you have) and socially liberal (people should be able to live as they see fit without harming others). His goal is to fix short-sighted U.S. laws and policies that do not consider long-term negative economic impacts and will unjustly imperil the prosperity and well-being of todays' youth and future generations. Critical issues include:

## Federal Debt Climate Change Healthcare Costs



- The U.S. Federal Debt is over \$34 trillion (T) and projected to exceed \$150T by 2053
- Large interest payments on the Debt will unjustly burden future generations
- Increasing government revenues & reducing spending now are essential to protect our future prosperity
- Start by pursuing tax evaders (~ \$1T a year) and prioritizing policies that also mitigate Climate Change and/or reduce Healthcare Costs
- 2023 was the hottest year on record. Climate Change induced extreme weather- & climate-events cost the U.S. ~ \$150 billion a year
- Unless greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are rapidly reduced, more frequent & extreme events will burden future generations: higher costs, lower economic growth & social disruption. Needed actions include:
  - Reduce fossil fuel use balanced by an increase in renewable and other "zero-carbon" energy to ensure U.S. energy security
  - Apply a progressive fee on GHG emissions to use market forces to cost-effectively lower fossil fuel use & GHG emissions
- China currently dominates world manufacturing of renewable energy components & systems. The U.S. needs to reverse this trend and be the technological leader of the energy systems of the future



- U.S. **Healthcare Costs** are about \$12,000 per person and consume about 18% of GDP
- This spending is much greater than all other wealthy peer countries and U.S. health outcomes are generally the poorest
  - Lowest life-expectancy, highest maternal & infant mortality rates, highest obesity rate
- 25-30% of U.S. healthcare spending is wasteful
- All the peer countries, with better health outcomes & lower costs, have universal healthcare coverage. The U.S. should transition from its fragmented public/private insurance to universal coverage for similar benefits

Tom has been an engineer and manager for 35 years, primarily on projects to characterize and reduce GHG and air pollution emissions from the U.S. oil & gas and electric power generation industries. Project success required planning, fact- and best data-based research and analysis, team collaboration, budget management, and communication. As a legislator, Tom will apply independent thinking and engineering and management skills to develop effective legislation and policies that 1.) address the root cause of challenges facing the U.S., and 2.) prioritize economic responsibility to ensure the prosperity and well-being of future generations.

