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FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Rev. Bill Banuchi

The 2010 Purge is under way. "We the people" are rising up to be heard. Ironically, it may very well be Barak Obama who we have to thank for motivating common-sense Americans in ways we haven't been able to do in the past. The old frog in the kettle analogy applies. Put a frog in a kettle of hot water and he will immediately jump out. Put him in a kettle with water at room temperature and he'll sit in it. Then raise the temperature a degree or two at a time and the frog will stay there until he is cooked. Well perhaps that's what was happening in America when Republicans continued to grow government, and we were slowly, incrementally, being moved to socialism. Perhaps we would have sat in the kettle until one day we would wake up to find all our liberties were gone. Barak Obama's over reach has made it clear to Americans where we are headed if we continue down this path. Americans are now jumping out of the kettle saying, "No more, we won't sit here and be cooked!"

This is the time to elect good men to office, men who fear God, and who will be willing to shrink government in ways never seen before. We must reverse the trend toward bigger government, and encourage the private sector to step up to the plate to exercise liberty with responsibility.

We hope to see you in Albany on March 16th at Legislative Day. In the meantime we pray you will continue to pray like it all depends on God and work like it all depends on you to see America once again be "One Nation Under God!"

MOUNT VERNON STATEMENT

On Wednesday, Feb. 17th more than 80 Conservative leaders came to Washington D.C. to "codify what it means to be a small-government, principled conservative," with a document they are calling the Mount Vernon Statement. Conservative leaders have been meeting in small groups since the 2008 election, trying to figure out how to relaunch the conservative movement. Among those in attendance will be Richard Viguerie, the chairman of [Conservative HQ.com](http://ConservativeHQ.com), who believes the conservative movement "got seriously off track during the big government days of George Bush, Karl Rove and Tom DeLay." This document, Viguerie says, is designed to unite conservatives.

"This is an attempt to draft a document that conservatives -- whether they're Tea Party conservatives or social or economic or foreign policy conservatives -- can get behind and begin the process of reclaiming the Republican Party for small-government conservatives," Viguerie explains.

You can find out more, and even sign the document at www.themountvernonstatement.com.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS –REPUBS UP 2

Special elections just held saw the Republicans gain 2 seats in the Assembly: one for Suffolk County, and one for Westchester. Republicans also kept a Republican seat for Nassau County. The only Republican loss was in Queens where a Democrat ran against a Democrat who ran as a Republican, (Go figure...) The 2010 purge is under way. Citizens are voting out incumbents who have proved their incompetence by their mismanagement of the sacred trust of the people. We want to encourage anyone who feels that God may be tapping them on the shoulder to run for office to heed the call. New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms is available to help provide the counsel you may need to pursue your calling to the mission field in Albany. You can call them at (585) 225-2220.

*"Where the righteous rule the people rejoice;
Where the wicked rule the people groan."*

-Proverbs 29:2

SENATOR EXPELLED

The State Senate voted to expel Senator Hiram Monserrate (D-Queens), because he was convicted of a misdemeanor involving his girlfriend, after he was elected, but before he was sworn in. He is contesting the expulsion legally with the help of the ACLU. New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms said, "NYCF condemns acts of domestic violence, but the timing of this expulsion does seem strange. Senator Monserrate was one of two Democrats that joined with the Republicans in last summer's Senate coup, and he was one of eight Senate Democrats to vote against same-sex marriage on December 2. If Senate Democrats were so indignant over what Senator Monserrate referred to as "this reckless act," why did they wait fourteen months to take action? And why are they not pursuing action against Senator Kevin Parker (D-Brooklyn), who is well-known to have anger management issues and was most recently in the news for allegedly punching a reporter in the face?"

Senator Monserrate's misdemeanor conviction is under appeal, and NYCF believes that he should be allowed due process. It appears that the timing of this expulsion vote was more about political retribution, than righteous anger over incidents of domestic violence."

The Governor has called for a March 16th special election to fill the seat formerly held by Monserrate.

MARRIAGE SAFE FOR ANOTHER YEAR?

With the recent victory we had defeating the same-sex marriage bill in the State Senate, it would appear that the definition of marriage will be safe in New York for at least another year. However, we dare not become to complacent. The other side will surely lick their wounds and try to regroup and prepare to assault marriage once again. This is the time to vote in good men and women who understand that marriage is an institution ordained by God, and only He can define it or redefine it. No human judge can redefine what the Judge of the Universe has already declared, without experiencing His wrath.

MARRIAGE SHOULD BE HONORED BY ALL
AND THE MARRIAGE BED KEPT PURE, FOR
GOD WILL JUDGE THE ADULTERER AND
THE SEXUALLY IMMORAL.

—HEBREWS 13:4

LEGISLATIVE DAY—"COUNTER PUNCH!"

From NYCF

NYCF's March 16th **Legislative Day** is coming up, March 16th. This is the day we invite you to join us at the State Capitol for an exciting day.

Adults will enjoy several speakers including our keynote speaker, Pastor Jim Garlow. Garlow was the key evangelical leader in California for Proposition 8, and he is a great motivational speaker. There will be a special "Teens Track" for our youth.

This will be a day you will not soon forget! Please do whatever it takes to come. For more info go to their web site: www.nyfrf.org, or call them at (518)225-2220.

(Stop by the Marriage & Family Savers Institute table. We'll be there.)

INCOMPETENCE CONTINUES

President Obama's Chief Advisor in charge of anti-terrorism continued demonstrating this administration's total incompetence when he suggested that a 20% return to the battle field for enemy captured combatants is acceptable, comparing them to the general prison population recidivism rate. This is totally absurd! Ask our men in uniform how they feel about it. Then President Obama appoints Rashad Hussain, to serve as Special *Envoy* to the Organization of Islamic Conference. Hussain is a clear sympathizer of America's enemies, as expressed in his comments defending Sami Al-Arian, a convicted terrorist and former leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Now, questions are rightfully being raised as to how a terrorist sympathizer has risen to such a position within the president's administration. A quick look into Hussain reveals that he has the background of a typical Obama administration official: Ivy League education, career in public service, and an added bonus, a connection to the Soros family.

In 2003, Hussain was named a Fellow to the Paul and Daisy Soros Foundation. It's clear, this administration is either totally incompetent or anti-American. Either way, it does not bode well for our future.