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Gary Johnson was elected Governor of New Mexico as a Republican in an overwhelming Democratic state – and re-elected to a second term by a wide margin.

Despite two terms as Governor, Gary Johnson prefers to call himself an entrepreneur. To pay for college, he started a one-man handyman business. Twenty years later, the one-man-shop had grown into one of the largest construction companies in New Mexico, with more than 1,000 employees.

Johnson is best known for resisting the temptation to solve every problem with government spending and regulation, having vetoed more than 750 bills during his time in office. He also cut taxes 14 times while never raising them.

An avid skier, adventurer, and bicyclist, Johnson has scaled the highest peak on each of the seven continents, including Mt. Everest.

He has two grown children, and currently resides in a house he built himself in Taos, New Mexico.

### **Statement:**

I believe the majority of Americans share the simple notions of financial responsibility and personal freedom. Government should leave us alone to pursue our dreams, live our lives and make our own choices -- as long as those choices do not harm or endanger others. And government should do less, spend less and cost less.

Alaska's history is one of self-reliance, independence and tolerance. Liberty is more than a slogan, it is the true American value, and Alaskans understand that. The proper role of government is to safeguard liberty, keep us safe, and insure equality of opportunity. It is not the role of government to choose winners and losers, intervene in the sovereign affairs of other nations, and manage every aspect of our daily lives.

The two party system and the elected officials who put partisanship above good public policy have failed us. I am running for President to offer a credible, experienced and independent alternative to the gridlock that has become Washington, DC. I also believe

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strongly that integrity and the truth are not too much to ask of a President, and are, in fact, what the American people deserve.

Smaller government, greater freedom, a foreign policy intended to keep America safe, and honest leadership. Those are what I respectfully offer to the voters of Alaska and the rest of the nation.



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William 'Bill' Weld was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1990 with 51% of the vote. He was re-elected in 1994 with a record breaking 71% of the vote, a record that still stands today.

As Governor, Bill led 16 trade missions to Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America, and during the past decade, has traveled widely in connection with his international law and business consulting practice. He served as national co-chair of U.S. Term Limits, and of the United States Privatization Council. In his earlier career Bill served as a federal prosecutor for seven years, winning convictions in 110 out of 111 public corruption cases brought by his office.

Bill and his wife Leslie Marshall make their home in Massachusetts and have eight children.

### **Statement:**

Despite the state legislature being controlled by a Democratic majority, as Governor, Bill Weld managed to cut taxes 21 times and did not permit any tax increases. A 1994 report from the Cato institute concluded that, "Weld cut spending, balanced the budget, improved the state's bond rating, and cut numerous taxes. Even with a Democratic legislature, Weld has a stunningly successful fiscal record."

How did he do this without compromising education and other important state functions? He doesn't believe that a government that looks to your pocket book to solve every problem is a healthy way to conduct policy. Rather, Governor Weld identified areas of government inefficiency, spending that was not serving the public interest, and got rid of wasteful programs that would never be supported if the people knew just how unproductive they were.

He did this, in part, by championing programs like those that helped welfare recipients get jobs to reduce their long-term reliance on government assistance, improve their self-reliance and self-esteem, and in turn, create a more productive society. But don't think that

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Bill's pursuit of fiscal responsibility prevented him from his personal belief in social tolerance.

Bill was not only an early proponent of civil rights for gays and lesbians, he actually appointed the judge who wrote the opinion that established marriage equality as a matter of constitutional right.

As Vice-President of the United States, Bill Weld would take those same values to Washington, DC.

