



**Amo Houghton**  
*Honorary Chair*

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Dear Friends:

**Fed up with Washington?** You're not alone.

Everywhere I go in western New York, people have had enough of the arrogant, leftist leadership in Washington, DC. If I haven't met you yet, my name is Tom Reed and I am running against Congressman Eric Massa here in the 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. **We're working hard to pull off an upset for Republicans – right here in Upstate New York.**

I didn't move here to run for office. Nearly my entire life has been spent in the 29<sup>th</sup> District. I grew up in Steuben County, graduated high school in Chemung County, went to college in Allegany County, and worked in Monroe County. **I understand the people, concerns, and challenges of our district.**

My wife Jean and I sacrificed to work through law school and found multiple businesses that employ more than 25 people here. I ran and was elected Mayor of the City of Corning because people were sick of petty misleading politics in City Hall. **We put an end to it in Corning and with your help we can fight against it on Capital Hill.**

President Obama, Senator Harry Reid, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi have put our country on a path to bankruptcy and weakened the image of the United States at home and abroad – and they have done it with Congressman Massa's help. **Eric Massa thinks the stimulus is a "success" and opposes the Obama healthcare reform because it isn't liberal enough – he is calling for "Medicaid for all citizens."**

If you believe that borrowing \$787 billion dollars on the backs of our children and grandchildren is wrong, if you believe that we must continue the fight against terrorism abroad in order to make us safer here at home, and if you believe that more government interference in private lives and business is wrong, then **please stand with us to bring conservative common sense back to Washington.**

Please join us on a conference call/webinar for Republican leaders from the 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. **We need your thoughts on how we should run our campaign, what is happening in Washington, and on what issues we should concentrate on moving forward.** The call will be held on Wednesday, February 10 @ 7:00 PM, EST. Please leave a message at [www.TomReedforCongress.com](http://www.TomReedforCongress.com), send an e-mail to [info@TomReedforCongress.com](mailto:info@TomReedforCongress.com), or call us at (607) 654-7779 so that we can give you the webinar address and toll free number and access code.

Thank you for all you do for our party! I look forward to seeing you along the campaign trail and celebrating Republican victories across western New York this November!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Tom Reed".

Tom Reed

### **Congressman Eric Massa's "Bottom 10" Accomplishments of 2009:**

- 10) Over 5000 Earmarks. After campaigning against earmarks, Eric Massa voted for HR 3288, an appropriations bill filled with pork-barrel projects totaling nearly \$4 billion.
- 9) Flip-flops on Deficit Spending. Eric Massa voted for HR 2847 which diverted TARP money into more federal deficit spending. Massa voted for this bill after writing to the President asking him to use unspent TARP money to pay down the deficit. During his 2008 campaign he called deficit spending "immoral."
- 8) Radicalism on Health Care. Eric Massa cosponsored HR 676 which would outlaw private health insurance except for procedures akin to cosmetic surgery and would establish a nationalized health-care system. In December 2009 he issued a "Call to Action" to a San Francisco audience to fight for national health care.
- 7) Bankruptcy for Future Generations. Eric Massa voted to BORROW \$787 billion (the so-called "stimulus") that has done little but add to the massive federal deficit that our children and grandchildren will have to pay back.
- 6) Insults for His Constituents. Eric Massa told a liberal Netroots meeting in Pittsburgh that he was committed to single payer and would vote "adamantly against the interests of his constituents" whom he referred to as right-wingers. Apparently he knows better than the people of our district. The Netroots meeting discussed the possibility of "stacking" Massa town hall meetings to give him cover.
- 5) Debt for today and tomorrow. Eric Massa voted for a federal budget which saddles our country with massive new debt, including over \$1 Trillion in the 2010 fiscal year alone. When asked if any unspent stimulus money should be returned to the Treasury, Massa's response was "Hell No!"
- 4) Surrender in Afghanistan. Eric Massa has called for an immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan, a position that would greatly undermine our national security. He has also vowed to vote against any future appropriations for the fight in Afghanistan.
- 3) Obstruction on Energy Policy. Eric Massa has attacked developers of wind power in our district as "criminals" and accused natural gas companies of offering us "a glass of benzene." While common sense would dictate that we take advantage of local energy sources to help get off foreign oil and create jobs, Eric Massa prefers his radical agenda to the interests of his constituents.
- 2) Flip-flops on Fundraising. Eric Massa pledged while running for Congress never to take corporate PAC money. He has accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars of such money since taking office and has banked more than \$800,000 in liberal special interest contributions. (San Francisco pays off!). His campaign also held a fund raiser hosted by Charlie Rangel and Barney Frank at the DC home of a lobbyist.
- 1) Name recognition for himself. Besides the above, Eric Massa has become a darling on national talk shows. Among other statements, he has accused two U.S. Senators (Jim DeMint and Chuck Grassley) of treason, demanded that Bill O'Reilly be fired, said that former Vice President Cheney has "political turrets syndrome" and called Cheney's daughter a "mental chihuahua."