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The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing you today to present an idea that will get the economy back on track and substantially reduce unemployment and do it in a very short time period. This concept requires neither legislation nor the approval of congress. I call it the RBOB Gambit and have enclosed a copy of a paper outlining the idea.

I urge you to consider the concept outlined in the gambit as the only real option to kick-start the economy. Please do NOT farm this out to another for research or study. Pick up the phone and speak with Mr. Greenberger and Mr. Masters as they are experts in field, and query them as to the net result of the action outlined in my proposal. They will confirm, I am confident, that by having the CFTC promulgate and publish the master rule freeing the commodities markets from excessive speculation that the price of commodities will drop almost immediately to the level that will reflect the true market price that they would have been had not the speculation been allowed, and this new price will return to the consuming public both here and abroad hundreds of billions of dollars each year.

While a reduction in the SSI payroll deductions of working Americans will also provide stimulus to the economy it will not be as effective due to its transient nature, everyone is aware that it will only be in effect for a short period. The people who are relying on Social Security to fund their retirement will be reluctant to spend this extra money as they know that it will be needed later, during their retirement, this has been evidenced in the ineffectiveness of last reduction in payroll taxes. Increasing the size of the deduction will also fail as it will still be seen as money that should have been put aside and they will again refrain from spending it.

If you fail to get them to spend when you add money to their pocket then maybe you might try making their money go farther by reducing their living expenses. This is exactly what will happen if you execute the gambit successfully.

America consumed 378 million gallons per DAY of gasoline in 2010. That would be about 137 billion gallons a year at \$1/gal or \$137 billion or more each year and that is more money in the pockets of the American public than will be generated by 2011 payroll tax holiday and it doesn't cost the treasury anything. This will be spent along with billions more saved in their daily purchases. Unlike a payroll tax holiday which only affects the employed, ending the speculation tax will effect every American, the

unemployed as well as the underemployed, the forgotten underground economy, millionaires, as well as the retired, the poor and the working elderly. By stopping the excessive speculation a minimum wage earner will save the same money on gas as one earning much more but it will have a much larger impact on his take home pay, probably to the tune of about 8% to 10%.

Commodities affect every aspect of every Americans lives. Every item purchased small and large is basically a manufactured commodity and by stopping speculation in the commodity markets of the basic metals used to produce these goods the costs will drop for all consumers. The costs of energy for transport affect the prices of every purchase. Commodities in the grain markets are the very basis of the diet of every American and speculation there has increased the prices of all grains dramatically since 2005 as evidenced by the price of wheat, which was in the \$3.75 range and is now over \$7.00.

Given the permeating nature of commodities in the American economy, removing the excess speculation from the commodities markets will provide a stimulus to the economy that would be worth several tax holidays. I would be hard put to place a dollar value on the effect and probably any estimate that I would make would be too small.

I have enumerated a few of the benefits to the American economy and I am sure that there are more but there is also the list of global benefits that will accrue to the world by finally regulating the excessive speculation in the global commodities markets which follow the markets here in the U.S., not the least of which will be that hundreds of millions of poor will be able to again once afford to feed themselves and their families. A reduction in the price of basic commodities will give Europe some breathing room in their efforts to correct their economies by giving their people more cash thereby stimulating the Euro Zone economies and relieving much of the debt concern. China will be able to continue to grow with less worry about overheating their economy. By reducing the price of commodities other nations goods will cost Americans less and the products of the U.S. will be more affordable overseas. As the consumers here at home begin once again to spend, the American economy will turn up and the engine of the global economy will start to accelerate.

The concept embodied in the gambit will be effective in stimulating the U.S. economy, stimulating the global economy, will help feed billions around the globe, put millions of Americans to work, will help the unemployed, the underemployed, the poor, the working elderly, the retired, and those in the underground economy by lowering their living cost. More cash in the hands of the American consumer will help in the effort to halt the foreclosures and put a floor under the housing market. It is fast. It requires no new legislation. It is legal. It is good policy. It is good politics.

It is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am confident that when you have read the gambit and spoken with others that you will move to take advantage of this unique opportunity to correct the commodities markets as well as the U.S. and global

economies. As for my part, I intend to continue to promote this idea as viable means to achieve those very ends.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your efforts in office in what is probably the most difficult job in the world during one of the worst times to be the Commander in Chief. Please accept my wishes of the best to you and your family.

Kindest Regards,

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