



US Chamber's Bruce Josten Concerned that Obama Administration's Decision to Demonize Chamber will only Punish Small Business and Slow Job Creation



Kicking off his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Truth for America Show" on WZAB-AM, Neal Asbury opened the show by wondering why the Obama administration is willing to "throw small business under the bus" so that Democrats can save their skin by not voting to extend the Bush tax cuts. "Most legislators in this country agree that small business is the lifeblood of job creation. So I'm having a hard time understanding why Democrats are choosing to run for the hills rather than extend the Bush tax cuts which would give small business the money they need to grow and hire. They are trying to suggest that extending the tax cuts will help fat cats --which is nonsense. It will give small business the money they need to hire and invest in their business," said Asbury

This issue is critical for small business, according to Asbury. The permanent extension of

the Bush tax cuts is favored by successful small to medium-sized businesses that provide about 75 percent of the job growth for this country. Economists agree that President Obama's plan to limit future tax breaks would harm the 73 percent of small business owners that file taxes as individuals.

"This is yet another terrible policy decision perpetrated by an administration where only 8 percent of its advisors have any business experience. Extending the Bush tax cuts is good for business and good for America. This midterm election, send a message to Congress that we need to support this important initiative so we can create more jobs. Vote to change the direction this country is going," added Asbury.

Bruce Josten, executive vice president for Government Affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, made a return appearance on Neal Asbury's "Truth for America." Josten characterized the recent attacks on the US Chamber by the Obama administration as reminiscent of the McCarthy Witch Hunt of the 1950s. Josten described the attacks as "an act of desperation by Democrats trying to galvanize a disheartened base using us a foil that will not work."

Josten noted that even the main stream media are rejecting claims that the Chamber must divulge the names of their donors. Josten reminded listeners that when the names of some Chamber donors inadvertently made public these companies were set upon by protestors and even threatened.

Josten revealed that the controversy has

been orchestrated by the Center for American Progress, which is run by John Podesta, a former Obama advisor.

"Nobody wants to alienate American business, so I'm not sure why the Obama administration is going after us. Worse, they are turning the law upside down: accusing us of being guilty until proven innocent. The new Obama slogan is 'stoop to smear to create fear'," said Josten.

"Accusing us of accepting foreign money to influence the US election is outrageous. Since 1908 it has been illegal to accept foreign money to influence an election and they know it. We use our funds legally to work with US companies who want us to educate our key audiences about the importance of supporting free trade. We are in synch with the American public—unlike the Obama administration, when it comes to creating jobs," said Josten.

Josten proposed that a result of Obama policies a state of uncertainty exists which is keeping small business from investing. "Businesses will not invest when they are in limbo, especially when it comes to tax issues," said Josten.

Josten predicts that to recoup the jobs lost during the present recession, it will take 10 years to create the 20 million jobs that the US will need to generate.



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