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Arizona's Coming Government Collapse - from Governor Jan Brewer

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Dear Fellow Arizonan,

We face a state fiscal crisis of unparalleled dimension – one that is going to sweep over every single person in this state as well as every business and every family.

That is why I held an emergency cabinet meeting yesterday morning where I outlined for our state's elected leaders and business leaders the ills our state faces. As I told them yesterday, we ARE faced with some of the worst days in our 97-year history.

We can debate how we got here, but we CANNOT remain paralyzed in our efforts to address the situation. We must set aside partisan politics and face the problem head on.

We must accept that we ARE where we ARE.

So here's the TRUTH:

- The state has a budget deficit for the current fiscal year of \$1.5 billion.
- Next fiscal year, 2011 -- a budget year that begins in just six months -- is even worse. Next year's budget deficit stands at \$3.4 billion. As of today -- right now, that MUST change.

Even though my Administration has already cut \$1 Billion in state government spending, we must redouble our efforts to

create a leaner, more fiscally responsible Arizona.

I have asked all 90 members in the State Legislature to cooperate by submitting a reasonable plan. On behalf of citizens across our state, I expect them to become active participants in the budget process.

This problem did not happen overnight.

- Five years of spending nearly doubled state government.
- The economic recession has reduced state revenues by almost 40 percent in just 3 years.
- Population growth in school children, university students, health care and welfare populations and inmates in our state prisons has fundamentally ruled out simplistic solutions like rolling the state budget back to levels from five, six, or more years ago.
- Federal and voter mandates prevent us from touching nearly two-thirds of the state budget.
- And procrastination, denial, and lack of will have allowed these problems to fester.

We must solve these problems and we must solve them now. More than calling for cooperation, today I had state government implement various emergency measures meant to ensure Arizona's fiscal solvency. Among them:

- **I ordered the Arizona Department of Corrections to return to the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") -- as soon as possible -- all non-violent criminal aliens as is allowed under existing law. These inmates are the responsibility of the federal government (as is securing our border with Mexico). Arizona should not have to bear this cost.**
- **I am restating my Arizonans-only directives to state agencies to ensure that public benefits are provided only to those who are legally in this country and who reside in this state.**
- **Effective immediately, I have ordered all state agencies who benefits to citizens to implement means testing and sliding fee schedules. While the government safety net must stay in place, we need to secure help only for the neediest among us.**

These measures, though they may represent tough news for many Arizonans, are necessary to keep the state moving forward. Every Arizonan must understand why this state is suffering.

That is why I invite you to take a moment now to visit my Web site to view the presentation I presented today to the state's elected leaders and business leaders. After viewing this presentation, you will see the desperate times our state faces.

You will also understand why we **MUST ACT NOW** not as Democrats, Republicans or Independents but as Arizonans.

We owe it to the citizens of this state -- our children and grandchildren -- to adopt and approve a solution.

Sincerely,

Jan Brewer
Governor

P.S. Simply go to www.JanBrewer.com/Crisis to view or download your personal copy of the presentation I gave yesterday.

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California is already there.....and much worse...

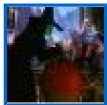
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Its what happens when you allow illegal Aliens into your State, and pay for all their Housing and Health care. Feed them with WICK ,Put them on Welfare , crap all over your citizens because they do not like this . Let them run crazy with a Crime Spree that you insurance Companies are paying for constantly . Fill your Prisons with them over crowding them . Screw up your Schools because you have to educate these People who could care less ,just give me your money !

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Arizona, get rid of your federally mandated penalties, secede. Once you pay the Danegeld, you never get rid of the Dane. Sieze your republic back and live free.

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Not to mine. Texas is in fairly good shape.

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Looks like they have an excellent governor, at least.

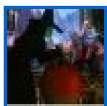
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Just as some add'l input...our previous governor was "Jano" ...Janet Napalitano...you know...the current head of Homeland Security...NOW...there's a very scary position to put that incompetent idiot, sell out, piece of liberal "bleep" ...I have lived in Arizona all of my adult life...until Jano our state was a "jewel shining in the desert" ...she played games with the budgets and gave away the farm to illegals...she's dangerous...Jan Brewer took her place when she "moved up" ...she is a Republican...not certain just how "conservative" she actually is but we'll see...she actually running for election next year...I find that amazing considering the mess we are in...you are right "Bumbleshorts"...how much of our soul has been sold out in receiving Fed money??? How in God's name do we get out of this hole when our two major industries are tourism and construction!!!!!!

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Read Joseph Philips's post on International Law in the General catagories section here. It is dry reading, but is important. You can not be free unless you can govern yourself. The federal government is an abomination and an insult to the human soul. It is time for Americans to be free, and free of washington dc.

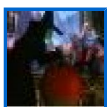
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Thanks Bumbleshorts...I'll check it out.

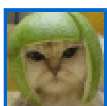
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Your welcome, and good luck.

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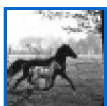


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Sounds like a pretty good governor. If she is not a Constitutionalist, she soon WILL be, out of pure NECESSITY !

Has Arizona passed a 10th Amendment resolution yet? If not, they will soon. Again, out of pure damn NECESSITY !

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Henry...Arizona DID submit the 10th Amendment Resolution this past July but then a legislature did not submit it in time and it has to start all over again in January....want to say "someone had THEIR own agenda"...grrrrrrrr

And you're right...it's interesting how people finally awaken when they're at the edge of the cliff, huh?

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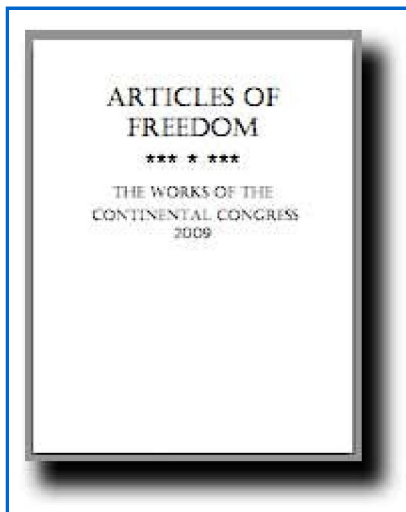
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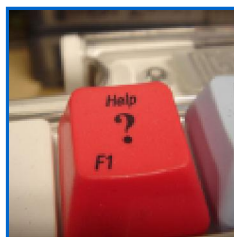
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I agree 100%; I also am for a candidate with morals, ethics and hopefully independant. Point of this is, the republicans have an agenda, and their agenda being in place includes, passing a UN treaty and in doing so, abolishing our Constitution.....

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