

**TO: Our Fellow Tea Party Groups in the State of Tennessee**

**FROM: American Patriot Taxpayers, Fayette County Tea Party, McMinn County Tea Party, Mid-south Tea Party, Tipton County Tea Party, and Tea Party Co-conspirators from Middle Tennessee**

**SUBJECT: Building and Establishing a Tennessee Tea Party Coalition**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**The Tennessee Tea Party Coalition (TNTPC), as our forefathers before us, was conceived out of discontent regarding the failure of our government to address our concerns, and seeks to find a voice for the People of Tennessee.**

**Two hundred and thirty-four years ago, our forefathers faced an out-of-control government. They were forced to act in conflict before they could form and articulate their ultimate purposes in the Declaration of Independence. Their Declaration identified their governmental philosophy: "The only legitimate governance is that which rests on the Consent of the Governed." It specified a long list of transgressions committed by their King in conflict with the will of the people, and it ended by stating that the only choice left them was to abolish their ties to that government.**

**The Declaration of Independence sought to establish the framework of a "new" government. In contrast, the Tea Party movement exists to "restore" the national foundations which that generation handed down to us, rather than throwing off an entire governmental structure. The Tennessee Tea Party Coalition will exist to unite and coordinate this grass-roots effort in Tennessee. Simply, our objective is to restore the United States Constitution to that direct authority which our Founders, and the Consent of the Governed, originally intended.**

**Following the example set by our forefathers so many years ago, the Tea Party movement must define its purposes, not only to guide our own actions, but more importantly, to articulate them to the world. We must develop a framework for organizing, focusing, and executing the power embodied in the WILL OF THE PEOPLE: those citizens who have risen, and those who will yet rise, to the challenges facing us.**

**The TNTPC is the vehicle we offer for uniting the State's concerned and active citizens. Our methodology seeks to replicate our founding fathers by retracing their historical path as we seek to form this collective body. Our function is defined as follows:**

- 1. An initial framing committee has been formed consisting of 15+ members assembled from the three regions of Tennessee. The framing committee's mission is to compose the preliminary draft of documents outlining the Tea Party purpose, the Vision and Values of TNTPC, a Declaration of Grievances Suffered by the People of the State of Tennessee, a Specification of Redress Sought by the People of the State of Tennessee, a Tea Party Platform, and Candidate Contract. A coalition website is being created to facilitate TNTPC communication and activities at [www.TNTPC.US](http://www.TNTPC.US).**
- 2. The initial draft documents will then be delivered to all active tea party groups operating within the state, along with an invitation to form a representative body. Said body will review these documents with their individual group membership, and their recommendations will be submitted for revision and adoption.**
- 3. A TNTPC planning committee will be formed from the Representative body and a formal convention will be planned.**
- 4. The TNTPC will convene at such a time as determined by the planning committee, and will consist of two separate functions.**
  - a. A CAUCUS: The Representative body will convene to adopt revisions and ratify the final TNTPC documents and develop TNTPC structure.**
  - b. A Statewide TNTPC CONVENTION: Open to all citizens, groups, and organizations which share our common values, and for final ratification and establishment of the TNTPC.**
- 5. Post-Convention TNTPC will carry out strategies to SAVE OUR REPUBLIC!**

**We believe we are on the right path, doing the right thing, for the right reasons, at the right time in American history. We realize there are many groups seeking to form national level initiatives. However, we are convinced that those efforts are inherently flawed as they lack the strong base which must first be established at the LOCAL level BEFORE rising to the state and national levels. It is with much forethought and consideration that we are seeking to unify like-minded individuals from across the state as a precursor to a broader national initiative. In addition, it is altogether fitting that Tennessee would lead this initiative. It was the early territorial settlers of this great state who formed the Wautauga Association in 1772, which was considered the first attempt at an independent representative democracy among the colonies.**

**This Coalition does not and will not impede the independence of any of the organizations that comprise the whole of the coalition. It is designed to enable its member organizations to become more effective individually, as well a part of the Coalition through enhanced Communication, Coordination, and Cooperation.**

**The values of the TNTPC are consistent with those clearly written in the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, and the recorded values of the Patriots who risked their lives and fortunes to provide the citizens of the United States with independence. And these documents, which are Consistent with the Purpose of the Coalition, further expand its Vision to encourage elected and appointed officials, who are bound by oath and honor at all levels of Government, to act in accordance with the above referenced founding documents.**

**We will be a very active body. With YOUR help, WE THE PEOPLE can grow to become a powerful force. Consider joining with us as we build this coalition. A collective body with an empowered and amplified voice is what will be required to stem the encroachment of an overreaching government, and return our servants back to their enumerated and limited power. Thank you in advance for your consideration!!**

**Best Regards,**

**Tennessee Tea Party Coalition Framing Committee  
APT, FCTP, MCTP, MSTP, TCTP, and Tea Party Co-conspirators from Middle Tennessee**

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