

**Dear Fellow Greens,**

America is crying out for leadership and new ideas, and with your help the Green Party can provide it.

Think of it this way: with Republicans at the wheel, our nation is like a car hurtling towards a cliff, steadfastly ignoring all warning signs while speeding towards disaster. Sitting in the passenger seat are the Democrats, who are tuning the radio and won't grab the wheel.

On issue after issue, America is going the wrong way:

- The War in Iraq is weakening our security, killing thousands of Iraqis and Americans, and costing up to two trillion dollars;
- The President is wiretapping without warrants, holding people without charges or access to lawyers and approving the use of torture and secret prisons;
- Economic policies are benefiting the top 1% percent, while job losses, disappearing pensions, rising health care, energy and tuition costs are destroying the middle and working classes;
- Corruption is engulfing Congress and the White House;
- Global warming is accelerating, which will lead to more killer weather, famines, disease and political instability;
- The national debt is now an incredible \$27,500 per person.

Lack of leadership and new ideas has not gone unnoticed by the American people. In recent polls, only about 40% of Americans support the President, the Republican Congress...OR the Democrats. (<http://pollingreport.com/BushJob.htm>, [http://pollingreport.com/cong\\_rep.htm](http://pollingreport.com/cong_rep.htm), [http://pollingreport.com/cong\\_dem.htm](http://pollingreport.com/cong_dem.htm)).

Despite growing public opposition to the Republicans' policies, Democrats fear to offer real alternatives. On Iraq, the best they can offer is "strategic redeployment." Their "lobbying reform" proposal is almost the same as the Republicans' plan. Their party platform no longer mentions single-payer health care and they only dare whisper about impeachment.

In contrast, the Green Party has been the voice for progressive thinking. We have raised better ideas and are the lone voice of sanity on many of the issues including:

- A rapid end to the war in Iraq and withdrawal of US troops;
- Impeachment of the President and Vice-President for lying to Congress;
- Single-Payer Health Care;
- Reversing the tax cuts for the wealthy, ending corporate welfare, and paying down the debt;
- Public financing of election campaigns, free TV time for candidates, and electoral reform so the citizens can own the elections, not the corporations;
- Serious action to combat global warming and dependence on oil, including a national energy policy favoring conservation, wind, solar and other clean energy sources.

Here in Colorado the Green Party is preparing for the 2006 elections. Green Party candidates Tom Kelly (a Vietnam veteran) and Dave Chandler are running for Congress in the First and Seventh US House Districts because of the Democrats' inaction on issues like the war and the environment. Denver Green Rick VanWie is running for Colorado Secretary of State to raise critical issues about the fairness and security of our elections. And other Greens are running for state and local offices.

It's clear that we need to grow our party and present a real alternative – one that can turn the car around before it crashes. To do this we need your financial support. For only \$36 you can become a "card-carrying" Green and help build a powerful, progressive Green Party. Half of your contribution will stay here in Colorado, helping build our state Green Party. The other half will help build a national presence with our national party. Not only do you get your membership card, which shows that you stand proudly committed to the Green Party's values as a financial contributor, but you'll also receive a Green Party button and bumper sticker, a one-year subscription to the Green Party's quarterly newspaper, plus all of the information you need to get involved and active as a Green.

The future is Green! Won't you help us reach that green future? Please click on this link: <http://gp.org/greenpartycard.shtml> (or go to [www.gp.org](http://www.gp.org)) and become a card carrying Green today! We can do so much with just a little help.

To get in touch with the Green Party and find out more go to [www.coloradogreens.org](http://www.coloradogreens.org)

**Signed**

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