

To our government,

I am in complete displeasure over the proposed bailout before the Senate Banking Committee. I completely agree with Congressman Paul's and Senator Shelby's recent comments. We should not bailout anyone in this crisis. The long term risk mitigation efforts are being thwarted, and those who endeavored to be conservative in their borrowing or financial picture are not being reward but instead being penalized by carrying the burden of this bailout. The moral hazard is here: 1) a risk is no longer a risk when there is an assurance of government intervention; 2) the burden is being carried by those who did not cause the problem; and 3) there is no overall strategy for managing the crisis or oversight proposed but instead just ad-hoc measures.

As a moderate Democrat and fiscal conservative, I find no joy in rewarding bad, greedy behavior to those whom wish to continue such behavior without penalty. This is a scary time, and we need poise rather than skimpy plans that put our entire Treasury at the risk of the markets and volatile financial instruments. \$700 billion may not be enough to settle the appetite of the greedy speculation that has occurred.

As well, we are witnessing a clear priority choice that Wall Street is more important than Main Street. As long as the money was flowing no one was asking the silly question of where the money originated. When an alcoholic needs to quit drinking, you do not supply him with a cabinet full of liquor. Simply, this is among one of the reasons that greed is one of the seven deadly sins because the appetite becomes insatiable.

A Chinese Taoist axiom holds here, "when the blind lead the blind, they both fall into the water."

Please make a responsible decision here!

Thank you,
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