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America's national debt is at an all-time high of \$15,000,000,000,000. More than 8% of our fellow citizens are unemployed, and approximately 16% are underemployed. 28% of American households are under water on their mortgages, and that doesn't count the millions already foreclosed.

President Obama and this Congress didn't create all of these problems. But they were hired to solve them. And on their watch, it has gotten worse - much worse.

I hoped to see President Obama present some fresh new ideas about getting the country back on track during Tuesday night's State of the Union Address. Instead we saw poll-tested political rhetoric that is intended for a re-election year audience.

We've all learned by now that it isn't enough to hope for change anymore. We must be the change we want to see in our communities. That's why, like so many others, I have had to create change on my own by starting non-profits. I saw a need and I saw that Government was doing nothing to solve it.

Instead of simply putting out a critical statement on the president's missed opportunity, I'm going to follow a better path. I'm committing my campaign for Congress to a locally driven effort to reinvigorate and grow our own economy and help people find jobs right here in Connecticut.

Soaring rhetoric is nice. But soaring unemployment, soaring gas and grocery prices, and soaring debt must be dealt with in real terms with real action and tangible results.

My campaign will soon announce a new initiative that relies not on Washington, but on Connecticut's own ingenuity to restart our local economy as Washington insiders and politicians continue to fail us.

The growing list of Connecticut leaders who are endorsing my campaign will be helping me harness the potential within our own communities to make Connecticut work again.

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