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OK boys and girls, there's blood in the water. Let your state reps hear from you!

Endeavor to persevere,
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Representative Brown,

You have invoked the name of God and asked for prayer. It would appear that you are a man of faith. So answer me this. How do you justify taking the fruits of one man's labor by force and giving it to another? Our Founders viewed that idea as repugnant and gave us a system that precluded such immorality. It is after all, nothing short of 'legal' theft. But over the years creeping government has usurped the restraints erected by our Founders to protect the people. The government itself no longer obeys Constitutional law but twists it to do what's right in it's own eyes. We the people have put up with this mess for far too long. With all the intrusions and additional taxes and corruption and waste that's coming at us from all levels of government, we're about out of patience. The camel's back, already looking like a sway-backed mule, is about to snap.

Raising taxes is absolutely out of the question. If you vote for so much as a fraction of a percent increase, I promise to work untiringly to see you turned out of office. The Fed's are talking about a 25% VAT, Cap & Trade, etc. You want a revolution just go for another tax increase. I'm telling you that I have neighbors who are good Baptists who hold to Romans 13 who are talking about picking up torches and pitchforks and heading for the county office over the property tax issue. While I'm not taking their threat seriously, yet, there is a growing rage to what all levels of government are imposing on us.

There is a limit to what a *formerly* free people will stand for. You and your brethren need to understand that you are *not* our mommy or our daddy. We do *not* need the state in order to prosper. The state only gets in the way of prosperity. How many new laws are you guys planning to pass *this* year? Instead of thinking it's your job to legislate, why not make it your job to start *repealing* laws. While you're at it, why not grow backbones and tell the Federal government that you're no longer going to recognize all their unconstitutional intrusions in areas that the Constitution *clearly stipulates* are to be left to the states and/or to the people? Federal money has become a drug worse than heroin. It has enslaved the citizenry and emasculated the states. You do that, you demonstrate North Carolina's sovereignty, and we'll *talk* about increased taxes.

I'm not saying that doing the right thing – the Constitutional thing – is easy. I'm not even saying that doing the right thing will allow you to hold onto your seat in the legislature. But as a former Scoutmaster and current pastor I'll tell you what I always told my boys, what I teach my congregation, and what I try to live, myself – do the right thing! Even if you're the only one doing the right thing. Continued intrusion into the lives of your constituents is *not* the right thing. Taking the fruits of one man's labor by force to give to another is *not* the right thing. Continuing to infringe of the liberties of the citizens of this Republic is *not* the right thing. If you think you hit a nerve with me, wait until other folks in our district get wind of this.

If you stay strong I'll support you. But with all due respect, if you waiver, I'll do everything I can legally and morally to make sure your legislative career is over. I expect a huge turnover in the next election. Most of us are carefully watching who is on the side of liberty and Constitutional government and who is not. People are mad and people are getting educated. Please don't misinterpret this as a threat. It's a promise and I keep my word. If it is God's will we *WILL* have our Republic restored. I know that you're in a difficult spot and I will be praying for you and, more importantly, continuing to pray for our state and nation. I have a sick feeling that our troubles have only just begun.

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BUDGET WOES

If you think that you are struggling with your personal budget plan at home, you would get a real awakening trying to prepare a budget for all the departments and agencies of state government.

After years and years of spend, spend, spend, and borrowing to spend more, it has finally come home to roost that one cannot spend more money than what is being earned (revenue).

Budget writers are at wits end trying to figure out not what to cut from

each department/agency, but how much. Cuts are deep and wide in all programs and many will be a mere shell of existing programs. Many jobs are being lost and people are just tossed to the street without any thought to what effect that will have on our economy.

I will be the first to admit that state government was bloated and cuts were necessary, but the depth of cuts being mentioned will affect everyone in some manner. Kids will suffer due to inadequate staffing and funding to educations. Those of our neighbors that need Medicaid/Medicare assistance will suffer from less availability of medicine and caregivers. Every corner of society will be touched.

In my 18 years of service to municipal government and so far in my five years in the House of Representatives, I have never supported a tax increase. I have always tempered that by saying that if all the waste were eliminated and the government still needed money that I would consider voting for a tax increase. Sadly to say, I am very close to that point. Do I want to raise taxes, absolutely not.

It is my opinion that recovery will necessitate a combination of devastating cuts and tax increases. Where the budget ends up will be anybody's guess. The revolving wheel will probably stop next week and we will have a full debate to see where we end. Pray earnestly that God will give us the wisdom we need to make the right decisions for North Carolina.