

# MANDATE *for* LEADERSHIP

Principles to Limit Government, Expand Freedom, and Strengthen America

## Top 10 Recommendations for Domestic/Foreign Policy

### DOMESTIC POLICY

- Enact a new federal budget process.
- Reform Social Security and Medicare to reduce liabilities while improving retirement programs.
- Enact a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights.
- Terminate the federal highway program and transfer existing funding mechanisms and responsibilities to the states.
- Enact legislation to make the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 permanent.
- Reform the tax code by adopting a single rate, flat income tax that taxes all income once and at its source.
- Take a variety of steps, up to and including an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to preserve and protect marriage as a fundamental social institution and to protect it from activist judges.
- Reform the remaining welfare programs, such as food stamps and public housing, to require work as a condition for receiving aid.
- Maximize personal choice and free-market competition and replace the current Medicare financing with a system of "premium support" that is adjusted for Medicare patients' age, health costs, and income.
- Create Social Security personal retirement accounts that workers would own and could use to build nest eggs for retirement.

### FOREIGN POLICY

- Wage a global war of ideas to discredit bin Laden's harsh totalitarian vision of Islam.
- Refine the organization of the Department of Homeland Security.
- Develop appropriate global basing infrastructure at home and abroad.
- Appoint a Public Diplomacy Coordinator to sit as a director in the National Security Council (NSC).
- Enact a new initiative permitting creation of a Global Free Trade Alliance (GFTA) among countries already committed to open markets and economic freedom.
- Work to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly in rogue states such as Iran and Syria.
- Restructure federal homeland security grants to state and local governments.
- Continue to press for increased NATO flexibility, centered on the increased use of the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) mechanism.
- Rethink the "one China" policy.
- Support the Millennium Challenge Account.