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I was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1942. I attended Cleveland public schools, back when they still taught reading, writing and arithmetic as well as some history, and graduated from John Adams High School in 1960. In 1964 I graduated from Adelbert College of what is now Case Western Reserve University with a bachelor of arts degree in history. Since then I have been studying history, politics and economics so that I can know the truth and be free.

From 1966 to 1968 I served in the United States Army and achieved the rank of Specialist 4th Class SP 4 E4 before I was free to go home. From 1968 to 1969 I was an analyst at what was then Cleveland Trust Bank. I became an adjuster at Associates Finance Company from 1969 to 1971. From 1971 to 1975 I was an agent for Statewide Insurance Agency, which was owned by a dedicated patriot, Tom Lippitt. From 1973 to 2001, when I retired, I was an adjuster at what became Key Bank. The basic function of a bank adjuster is to talk to people until they would rather pay their bills than talk to him. I never entirely understood why but I was quite good at it.

I became interested in politics at an early age. I am happy that 18 year olds were not allowed to vote in 1960 or I would have voted for Richard Nixon and my hands would not be clean now. In 1964 I supported Barry Goldwater, the first and last time I voted for a Republican for president. In 1968 I supported George Wallace, a former and future Democrat, for president and became active in the American Party, of which I was Cuyahoga County Treasurer from 1974 to 1977 and State Treasurer from 1977 to 1980. In 1972 I ran for State Representative in what was then Ohio House District 16 and won about 3 ½ % of the vote. I attended two American Party National conventions and supported John Schmitz in 1972 and Lester Maddox in 1976.

By 1980, the American Party was disintegrating and I discovered Ed Clark, the Libertarian candidate for president then. This was the last time that I voted for any presidential candidate who received one percent of the vote. I had previously worked with two dedicated Libertarian patriots on local campaigns, my long-time friend, Milt Norris, a patriarch of the Libertarian Party of Ohio and Chris Hrivnak, a former state chairman. Since 1980, I have been a Libertarian and since 1988 a life member. I have attended all national conventions since 1987 and all but two state conventions, due to illness, for the last 25 years. From 1988 to 2003 I was Northeast Region Representative on the Executive Committee. From 1989 to 1992 I was State Secretary and from 2003 to 2008 I was either Region Chairman or Region Representative except for a few months. From 2008 to 2010, under the reorganization, I was a member of the State Central Committee. This year I was elected Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Cuyahoga County.

In 2008 I ran for Congress against incumbent Republican Steve LaTourette and Democrat William O'Neill and, despite the late start we got and paucity of funds and volunteers, won 2.94% of the vote and a total of 9511 votes. One of the highlights of the campaign was my appearance at the City Club of Cleveland, which lived up to its motto, The Citadel of Free Speech. You can see my appearance at City Club Macko on Youtube. 10th District Congressional candidate, Paul Conroy's, appearance and Bob Barr's honest presidential debate are also available at City Club with their last names. This year, the City Club did not invite alternate candidates to debate. I urge all of you to email them or call them at 888-223-6786 to suggest a new motto, The Dung Heap of the Two Party Duopoly. Help the receptionist who answers earn her day's pay.

This year I am giving the voters of the 17th State House District a real choice. I will never vote to raise taxes or any fees or to impose new taxes or fees. I fully support the Libertarian Party of Ohio Budget proposal for 2011. I want to repeal all state and local income taxes and property taxes, which are communistic in nature, as well as reduce the state sales tax to no more than three percent and consolidate and reduce or repeal most other taxes eventually.

These tax goals can be achieved within two years by eliminating welfare to corporations, unwed mothers and everyone else and phasing out the 'public' or government school system so that the parents and children of Ohio can be free. Government schools were promoted by autocrats such as Frederick the Great of Prussia and the totalitarian Karl Marx in his infamous Communist Manifesto.

My primary purpose in running is to reduce the government of Ohio and at all levels to its only legitimate function, the protection of life, liberty and property of innocent people. To do this in as moderate a way as possible, against the greatest enemy of liberty on this planet, the federal government, while trying to avoid resorting to the drastic measures of secession or armed revolution, we must utilize the tool of nullification. This constitutional means of protecting liberty against the threat of the Alien and Sedition Acts was devised by Thomas Jefferson, the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and our third president, and James Madison, our fourth president and the 'Father of the Constitution' in 1798 through the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions. A vitally important book, *Nullification; How To Resist Federal Tyranny in the 21st Century*, should be required reading for all state candidates and I recommend it to all citizens, especially libertarians, who want to restore our liberties.

If I am elected, among other unconstitutional laws and court rulings, I will vote to nullify Obamacare and all other socialized medicine laws, the obscenely misnamed USA PATRIOT Act, the Military Commissions Act, the repeal of Posse Comitatus and all other Bush police state laws which Obama has intensified, all federal gun laws, the FBI, CIA, the Roe vs. Wade court decree so that the issue of abortion murder should be decided by the sovereign states and, of course, all federal drug laws.

In Ohio, I will vote to abolish all gun laws, all drug laws and all licensing; of doctors, nurses, drivers, plumbers, barbers and everyone else. A license is permission to do something which is otherwise illegal. In a free society it should not be illegal to heal people, to nurse them, to repair their property, to assemble peaceably including by automobile or to defend oneself. The right to keep and bear arms is the root principle of our right to defend ourselves against private criminals and government tyrants. Ohio needs a Vermont style law which allows any honest citizen to possess weapons, concealed or openly, without any test, license or other restriction. All federal gun laws, from Franklin Roosevelt's tax on machine guns to the latest atrocity, should be repealed by a Libertarian Congress or nullified by a Libertarian state legislature, with assistance of allies. Anything less will not restore our liberty.

The education issue is vitally important to restoring our liberty. As stated above, all tyrants and autocrats have promoted 'public' or government education as a means of creating a docile, submissive, easily manipulated subjects. Read the writings of John Taylor Gatto at www.LewRockwell.com. Samuel Blumenfeld's books, especially including *Is Public Education Necessary?* are very enlightening as is the site of the Alliance for the Separation of School and State which was founded by the late Libertarian hero, Marshall Fritz. See www.sepschool.org.

The repeal of state and local income taxes and all property taxes and refusal of all federal 'aid' will make government, especially peace officers, children's services personnel and other such agencies subject to the control of local taxpayers. We must reject the concept of law enforcement officers and return to the traditional concept of peace officers. To further enhance the cause of justice, all jurors should be informed that they have the right to judge the law as well as the case. The concept of jury nullification helped establish freedom of religion, opposition to fugitive slave laws and helped end prohibition. See www.fija.org.

Drug laws, federal and state, are the implementation of the theory that you and your body belong to the state. There were no drug laws in the United States until the Harrison Act of 1914. Marijuana was legal until 1937. Can anyone rationally maintain that the drug laws have not caused immeasurable harm by creating criminal gangs and an excuse for establishment of police state measures. They are entirely without constitutional justification. At least when meddling busybodies imposed alcohol Prohibition on the foolishly

inobservant American people, they recognized that they had to have a constitutional amendment to do their damage. Where is the constitutional amendment for drug prohibition?

Marriage licensing should be repealed. In a free and just society, marriage should be a voluntary contract among adult participants and God, if they are believers. Government should have no participation except to uphold voluntary contracts. The dispute about homosexual 'marriage' is a distraction to divide people into artificial groups to fight among themselves while we are being enslaved, subjected to economic collapse and dragged into World War III.

I favor the restoration of paper ballots, manually counted, with the results published at the polls. Instant runoff voting will put an end to the old canard about 'throwing your vote away' and guarantee that there will be no rule by minority, such as occurred in Lincoln's and Wilson's first elections. See www.instantrunoff.com. All laws which hinder alternate parties and independent candidates, including all restrictions on donations and campaign reporting laws, should be abolished.

I support local self-rule except where it encroaches on the rights of citizens. Support the state against the feds, the county, city, village or township against the state and the individual above and against all of the levels of government.

If elected and the opportunity arose, I would ratify the following constitutional amendments. The Liberty Amendment would require the fedgov to sell all land and other properties it holds without constitutional justification within three years and, with the savings, repeal the federal income, gift and death taxes and repeal the 16th Amendment. www.libertyamendment.com. Repeal of the 17th Amendment to restore election of US Senators to the state legislature would restore the power of the sovereign states to oppose fedgov encroachments. I support the Bricker Amendment to clarify that treaties do not supercede the Constitution. I also favor this amendment:

Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators and/or Representatives; and, Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators and/or Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States.

If the 14th Amendment is ever submitted legally to the states for ratification, I will vote against ratifying it since its alleged (actually illegal) ratification in 1868 led to a complete inversion of the relationship between the states and the federal government and gave the fedgov the excuse for nearly all of its unconstitutionally exercised powers. For further information, see Congressional Record-House Pages 15641-15646 June 13, 1967 "The Fourteenth Amendment-Equal Protection Law or Tool of Usurpation by Congressman John Rarick, The Illegal Fourteenth by Dan Smoot , The Dan Smoot Report July 27, 1967

<http://www.mackofcongress.com/webpage/7> and [webpage/18](http://www.mackofcongress.com/webpage/18) and There is No "Fourteenth Amendment"! by David Lawrence, U.S. News & World Report, September 27, 1957.

<http://www.constitution.org/14ll/no14th.htm>

Serious consideration should be given to term length limitations on the federal and state levels: President two years, US Senator three years, US Representative one year, Supreme Court Justice nine years, Governor two years, as was the practice until 1959, State Senator two years, State Representative one year. This would require state and federal constitutional amendments.

It might be worthwhile to consider making it more difficult to amend the Ohio Constitution. Many socialistic and other collectivist measures have crept into it, especially since 1912. They should all be repealed by majority vote, just as they were ratified, instead of a supermajority which might be added to prevent future errors.

Perhaps the best solution, at the state and federal levels, is simply to repeal all laws which were passed since January 1, AD 1901 or, as I have said previously, "Repeal the 20th Century and this one, too."

There are many other ideas which I could suggest but time and space limitations suggest that I stop here.

Since I am the only Libertarian candidate for State Representative in Cuyahoga County, I hope that those of you in this area will volunteer to support me. Email me at dmacko@roadrunner.com or call at 440-248-8620. Be sure to see my website, www.mackoforliberty.com.

After the election, if a sufficient plurality of voters do not exercise sufficient courage, patriotism, intelligence and wisdom, I might expand my platform into a comprehensive campaign format for all candidates for the state legislature and bring my 2008 Congressional platform up to date.