To my neighbors near and far:

This I Believe

omething is very wrong about our society today. It should be based on the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." But instead it is based on the opposite: "He who has the gold makes the rules." The ones with the gold celebrate greed and looking out for #1, destroy the environment for personal gain (like BP did to the Gulf), and pit people against each other to control them.

In the United States we have a fake democracy. Big Money owns the media and political parties, controls the electoral process and politicians, and determines government policies, which have nothing to

JUDIVANDER do with campaign promises or what most people want. This is not right! Our capitalist economy is based on, and perpetuates, enormous economic inequality. Most people are merely "hired hands" working for, and required to obey, employers who claim, illegitimately, to personally own the earth's land and minerals as well as the material and intellectual wealth produced by millions of working people. The poorest people do the hardest work and enjoy the benefits of so-cially produced wealth the least; the richest do the easiest work in great luxury or do no work at all, and enjoy the lion's share of these benefits. This is wrong! Marcio T Burley Har Bell Carr Schatini Saila Wilson We the undersigned want real democracy and an economy based on equality and concern for one another and generations yet unborn. n Vigh Amaban Laws should only be made by meetings at the local level open to all who support equality and democracy. Social order on a larger scale—such as complex economic coordination—should be achieved K. Michael fr- W M. I Hole by voluntary federation of local communities and workplaces, not by laws written by so-called "representatives" in distant capital cities or by commands from CEOs imposed from above. Sosé Leo Brandié Robert M. Schusch South actoria We should all equally own and enjoy the benefits of the earth's resources and the wealth that we produce by working together, with nobody being rich or poor. The principle of our economy should be, "From each according to ability, to each according to need," a Golden Rule idea as old as the Bible (Acts, 4:34-35). Work should be for shared goals, to produce things that people need and want, to Coffee Blass tig Jengru This munhal my flyn share freely, not buy and sell. A greedy, rich and powerful minority, who were never elected and therefore cannot be unelected, prevents Americans from making ours a more equal and democratic society, which is why we need a revolution to remove them from power. Survice on So John John Tycha beishand weekeld Jistia MCM Sty Moore January Much J. Alli by the iion's share of these penerits. Justaln Sate & Res 9 Herley wrosinger Zradell Young LOG FLOOU ELLOST Catherine Devine Deondre Proy march grannistas tony phillipse Raigh Water Jan Davis Tong of Stino Denetico Barbara Falls & Kern Western Jarell Young sol Romon Juion's Velas gue Answ Feel Sheek Howell J. Ellembert Marckender Pierre-Lovis ladelie Derdoton-llang Manhall *KOTEROMORTY ARABELEN Tae Hyaing Nota Buster JN7A Time Thans (hunce a . gree Brin Kens MStal Santana. can Randon Alale Wener in Taken selice Buto jacy Mary nate Elized Elicies Jourson helle chaldress. Caitriona Kennedy Patril) Clouy but Norman Emmons gaben Curdere 2007 12 mar Lather MNAY Grederik Main

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