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Dear Senator Portman,

Thank you for your reply. However, after reading your response, I question if you actually read my email. Nowhere in my message did I address bipartisanship. My concern, Senator, is the fact that once again Republicans are getting suckered in by the Democrats. Members of the GOP still lack integrity and the courage to say "thanks, but no thanks" and plan to sit with the Democrats at the State of the Union Address, ignoring the tradition of sitting as a unified group.

You write instead of wanting "Bipartisanship" -- "to interact more across the aisle". Those are the very things that have gotten America into the rotten mess we have today!! Bipartisanship is Republicans not adhering to conservative ideals and consistently caving in to liberalism over the past 30 years! Bipartisanship is the GOP being completely bankrupt of traditional American values! Bipartisanship, sir, has given us Barack Obama as president, trillions of dollars in debt, millions of illegals crossing our borders with no enforcement of our immigration laws, and thousands of small businesses shutting down because of oppressive federal regulations.

Did millions of us grass roots conservatives and Tea Party members, up against not only the Democratic party and pseudo-Republicans, but mainstream media, labor unions, the liberal internet juggernaut, ACORN, the public education system, and academia, work our butts off to defeat the Democrats, getting Republicans all over the country elected last November, just to have you thumb your nose at us and rejoin the opposition?! *We defeated the opposition* at the polls!! After all our bus trips, rallies, town hall meetings, phone calls, canvassing, letter writing, faxing, emailing, money spent that most of us could hardly afford, not to mention all the hundreds of hours spent by folks that should have been spent with their families or running their businesses, it's heartbreaking that instead of acknowledgment and appreciation for our efforts, you now defy us with your intention to "conduct business as usual" with "bipartisanship" and "reaching across the aisle". With all due respect, Senator Portman, I am truly sickened at such callousness. Bipartisanship? I'm amazed that you have the nerve to even repeat that offensive word! Are you that blind to the fact that it was the Tea Party revolution and its values that put Republicans in office, and absolutely nothing that the Republican Party has had to offer for the past 20 years? What a slap in the face to all of us who elected you! Bipartisanship?? I wonder how many times Ronald Reagan encouraged bipartisanship!

I voted for you Senator, but not because I'm proud of today's Republican Party—but only because the alternative was much worse. And, after receiving your letter today, and learning of your intentions to yet again forsake conservatism for bipartisanship and to make deals with Democrats, I see that we in the Tea Party movement still have a long way to go to return America to the ideals our founding fathers wished for us.

Respectfully,

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