

A Declaration of Economic Independence

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For most of the twentieth century, the United States built prosperity through competitive manufacturing. That foundation has been dismantled. Manufacturing has fallen from approximately 27% of the U.S. economy to near 11%, while healthcare has risen from roughly 5% to nearly 19% of GDP.

The result is clear: rising trade deficits, declining quality of life, and the steady export of national wealth overseas. The United States now ranks roughly 24th among advanced nations in overall standard of living.

This manifesto is not a cry for help. It is a call for peaceful, informed revolution — based on facts, fairness, and global competitiveness.

The Simple Truth (Occam's Razor)

You cannot compete globally while embedding **employer Social Security and Medicare taxes (FICA)** and **employer-funded healthcare costs** into the price of manufactured goods. Most advanced industrial nations do not finance healthcare or retirement this way. Those costs are treated as **general social obligations rather than** per-unit production expenses.

In the United States, healthcare services and retirement benefits are increasingly paid for through government programs, tax preferences, and deficit spending, even as **production has already been weakened**. Instead of funding social systems broadly through individual taxation, the United States embeds those costs directly into employment and manufacturing. When domestic production collapses under that burden, the government then subsidizes consumption through:

- Medicare and Medicaid payments
- Premium subsidies and cost-sharing assistance
- Employer tax exclusions for insurance
- Federal deficits and borrowing

This approach keeps consumption going, but it **does not restore production**.

The Fixed Date of Change

The implementation date for this economic transition is fixed:

JULY 4, 2027

This date provides certainty, allows long-term investment planning, and symbolizes a renewed

commitment to economic independence.

PUBLIC PLEDGE TO CONGRESS

To the Members of the United States Congress:

We, the undersigned employers and employees of the United States, commit to supporting a peaceful economic revolution that restores American manufacturing and competitiveness.

We acknowledge that the current system is failing. We agree that employer-funded healthcare and payroll taxes are structural barriers to competition.

Effective July 4, 2027:

- Employers will cease purchasing private healthcare insurance on behalf of employees.
- The full financial value of healthcare costs will be paid directly to employees as taxable compensation.
- Employers will reinvest cost savings into domestic manufacturing, wages, and capital expansion.
- Employees accept mandatory individual contributions through the income tax system to fund national healthcare and retirement programs.

This commitment is made in good faith, for the benefit of current and future generations.

Employer Name / Signature: _____

Employee Name / Signature: _____

Date: _____

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