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Re the PPP, of which we have received some funding, through all of the rushed panic and distribution of funds, there has been little to no talk of how to pay back this alarming amount of funds.

Here's a few ways to begin that conversation. I propose a National Unity VAT Repayment Tax program, starting in January of 2021 or whenever it makes sense, which could impose a small, say 5% tax on all GDP goods and services, from supply chain materials to wholesale to retail, to amazon, to google, to apple, to gasoline to groceries etc. Or it could be tiered from wholesale to retail, ie, 1% to 2% to 3%, so that the final product "on the shelf" hasn't gone up too much. Make it "Temporary", so those on the right don't try and claim socialism, but run it as long as needed, and as people get used to it, it could remain forever, like VAT in Europe and elsewhere. Europes's VAT, as we know range from 17 to 26 % on all consumption goods, and tourists from other countries end up paying a good portion of it.

2. Pandemic Recovery "War" Bonds. During WW2, 85 million Americans bought bonds worth 180 billion, in today's dollars worth over 800 billion. and that was with a total population of 139 million, and we're almost three times that, which means, with the right messaging, patriotic and civic, enhanced by celebrities, pro athletes, politicians, pundits, and heads of industry, these two programs could help us move in the right direction and bring a couple of trillion dollars back into the treasury in a few years. Lastly, the PPP program, as I'm sure you know, is welcomed, and flawed, in a couple of simple ways. It should have never been issued with an automatic loan forgiveness component, if you spend it on payroll etc, per the current requirements. It should have been, and too late now, an optional forgiveness component, based on how the business has recovered over a period of time. For example, if you own a restaurant, as I do, www.carnepdx.com, and you get back to normal in a year or so, then you can start slowly paying back the loan, and you would have to do so. If a business becomes

profitable again, within a certain time period, a year or two, pending next year's pandemic, then you should pay back the loan. Small monthly payments would not hurt the business.

Also, of the dozens and dozens of small business colleagues of mine who have received their ppp, basically 2.5 times their monthly payroll, are struggling to re employ people within the next 8 weeks, as they have nothing for the employees to do, and will be paying people to stand around, in space that the employee feels isn't safe yet, and lastly,

many of these people are happy staying home on unemployment as we are reading day to day.

Finally, it's time for a national gas tax increase. We have been at 18.3 cents since 1997, bring it up to 25 cents, since oil is so low, make it national, but allocated directly back to each state, and has to be used for infrastructure projects, which then creates jobs jobs jobs.

Thanks for listening