



Dusty's Dozen: 12 WAYS TO IMPROVE AMERICA

South Dakota deserves true leadership from its only U.S. House Representative. Dusty Johnson is that leader. He has served the citizens of South Dakota over the past decade by holding various positions in state government. Policies he helped implement made South Dakota one of the best fiscally run states in the U.S. This experience has also helped Dusty Johnson understand the complex issues facing our nation and he's ready to fight for South Dakota and its citizen in Washington. **Dusty's Dozen: 12 Ways to Improve America** are Dusty's ideas and initiatives that he believes are critical to get Washington working again.

EXPECTING MORE FROM CONGRESS & CITIZENS

1. **Term Limits** – Congress shouldn't be a career. Twelve-year term limits should be imposed on the U.S. House. To implement this policy will require an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
2. **Balanced Budgets** – A \$20 trillion debt is not sustainable. We have borrowed from our grandchildren without their permission. The Constitution should be amended to require, after a phase-in, balanced federal budgets.
3. **Work Requirements** – Work provides dignity, powers our economy, offers opportunity, and stabilizes families. People who can work, should work. We can improve the lives of able-bodied welfare recipients by requiring on-going work or training.
4. **Drug Testing** – Our nation is in the midst of a profound drug epidemic. States should have greater flexibility to drug test welfare recipients. This will allow us to hold users accountable and to provide them the treatment needed to get their lives back on track.
5. **Retirement Age** – When Social Security was founded, the life expectancy for an American male was 64 years old. We will honor commitments to those who currently receive (or will soon receive) Social Security and Medicare, but eligibility for young people should be adjusted.
6. **No More Welfare Soda** – Most Americans are willing to finance our food stamp program because they want the nutritional needs of poor children met, but the most common item purchased with food stamps is soda pop. We need to better target our nutritional assistance.

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MAKING GOVERNMENT MORE EFFECTIVE

7. **Reform IHS** – Indian Health Service is an embarrassment. We should work with tribes to explore other delivery mechanisms, along with reforms that provide greater flexibility to tribal members, medical providers, and tribal governments.
8. **Ethanol Market Access** – Rules that slow the deployment of E15 and higher blends should be eliminated. For example, the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) provisions allowing the sale of E10 should be extended to higher blends, which have a more favorable RVP profile than E10 does.
9. **Farm Bill** – The Farm Bill is up for reauthorization this year, but if Congress doesn't finish on time, we'll need a representative who will continue to work to increase CRP acres, feature a new shorter-term CRP-like program, and improve eligibility for and availability of livestock programs.
10. **Forest Management** – Healthy forests are those that are actively managed and that allow logging. Too often federal rules and procedures get in the way of common sense management practices. Those rules and practices should be eliminated.
11. **State Healthcare Block Grants** – Real innovation is more likely to come at the state level. Each state has different values, and they should explore healthcare solutions that fit those values. Let's provide the 50 "laboratories of democracy" unprecedented flexibility to design ways to address healthcare.
12. **Federal Drug Courts** – Drug courts are a proven and cost-effective way to hold offenders accountable, save money, and get people clean. More than 80% of graduates from South Dakota's drug courts do not re-offend. We should increase the use of specialty courts within the federal judiciary.

Progress in the current political environment won't happen quickly or easily. But by sharing his values with citizens, Dusty offers a sense of what direction he'll work to move our country.

Just as importantly, Dusty is asking citizens to share their opinions on these policies, and how they can best be improved and implemented. Those with thoughts to share should email ImprovingAmerica@DustyJohnson.com.