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## Letter submission (248 words)

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SUBJECT: Here's a 5TH letter submission, of <u>248 words</u>, responding to 2 other letters & recent *Times* coverage -- -- if, for example -- my prior 4 submissions didn't quickly respond as I infer *The Times* likes submissions to do

Wednesday, 14 August 2024

## **Dear Graham Brink:**

Cc: To fewer people this time, to show respect for personal space/time limitations

Thank you all for considering my letters & columns submissions and for hearing me out; here's a letter submission (below & attached) for your consideration, along with prior notes (attached to this email), for your convenience. It's only 248 words, but is time-sensitive: Just like an Aspirin or Tylenol a year after the headache is too late, so I hope The Times considers this letter for publication before the Aug. 20, 2024 Primary Election. Sunday, Aug. 18, is last chance for this to "make a difference," as Capt. Kirk told Capt. Picard in STAR TREK: GENERATIONS! I hope I'm not too late; I worked hard to be timely & make your job easier.

**Gordon** 

## Times needs to hold lawmakers accountable

"Sound economic policies." No way | Letters, Aug. 14; Kamalanomics will be Bidenomics 201 | Letters Aug. 11

The Times' recent letters & news coverage both focus too much on the presidential race, but let lawmakers off the hook. "Come on, Times!" You can do better.

Mr. Sitero rightly holds Biden/Harris accountable for dangerously excessive spending, and Stephen Phillips rightly holds the Trump administration accountable for overspending. But, strictly-speaking, Separation of Powers means lawmakers (not a president) are chiefly responsible, which is my gripe with *The Times*.

Both Laurel Lee (my member of congress) and other lawmakers (of both parties) have refused to stop out of control spending—even when they held "full control" of

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House/Senate/Whitehouse. But *The Times* overlooks the "time-sensitive" nature of the fact that voters, on Aug. 20, will have a choice: Vote for Lee (who has refused my repeated calls to even TRY to cut student loan originations spending—The House could simply refuse to fund pork) or one of her challengers (Jen Barbosa or James Judge, both of whom I personally know and who oppose reckless spending).

Sitero and other complainers should stop blaming young student borrowers who are powerless to fix this and, instead, tell Lee to either make the cuts or go back to being Secretary of State.

Since GOP lawmakers never attempted this even when we had full control, they're either RINOS and need to resign or need "help": perhaps reinstatement of bankruptcy and other standard consumer protections to student loans would force down lending. Or crash the dollar: it's your move, but don't trust Laurel Lee to cut spending.

## Gordon Wayne Watts, Plant City

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