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Dear Patriotic American,

I joined the Army back in 2005.

The photo I'm sending you today was taken right after I returned from Iraq and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

For countless veterans, wearing our country's uniform is a family tradition and a source of lifelong pride.

That certainly was --- and is --- the case for me.

My father, Len Cotton, fought in the Infantry during the Vietnam War.

My grandfather, Thomas J. Cotton, fought in World War II.

They answered the call to serve when our country needed them the most.

I grew up in pre-9/11 America --- a time of relative peace and prosperity --- wondering if our country would ever need my service.

The answer came on September 11th, 2001.

Like you, I'll never forget that day.

I remember exactly where I was as those horrific events were seared into our national memory.

I was a third-year law student, sitting in evidence class.

And, right then and there, I knew my country needed me.

So after finishing law school and paying off my student loans, I left my law practice and enlisted in the U.S. Army.

At first, I was offered a commission as a military

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"J.A.G." lawyer.

But I turned that down.

I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps, so I joined the Infantry and served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I look back on my time wearing our country's uniform with great pride, a sense of honor, and thankfulness.

And I still have many friends on active duty.

In addition to two combat tours, I also did a tour in the "Old Guard" --- the unit that conducts memorials and funerals to honor our fallen comrades.

I've personally placed a folded American flag in the hands of grieving families

So I've seen something of the "sacred honor" which our founding fathers were willing to sacrifice when they pledged to each other "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor."

These experiences changed my life forever.

And they forged an even deeper love of country in my heart.

That's the reason I ran for Congress after I was honorably discharged from the Army.

I wanted to continue to serve the country I love so much.

You see, I'm scared of what's happening to her.

Big government, deficits, and debt are threatening her future.

And I don't mean I'm worried that our kids and grandkids won't have a chance to be wealthier or more prosperous than us.

It's deeper than that.

It's the American Dream --- that anything is possible ... that "all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights" ... that America is great

because she is good. This is what is at stake.

This is ours to preserve, protect, and defend.

And today I'm writing to ask for your help in keeping this precious charge.

I'm running for United States Senate against the "most vulnerable" Democrat in the Senate and I need you in my corner.

My opponent is 11-year incumbent, Mark Pryor.

But, just because he's "vulnerable" doesn't mean he's any less entrenched than any of the other career politicians in Washington.

Just the opposite.

Because he cast the deciding vote for ObamaCare...

Because he voted for 95% of Harry Reid and Barack Obama's far-left agenda --- <u>bailouts</u>, <u>gun control</u>, <u>amnesty</u>, <u>liberal</u> judges, and taxpayer-funded abortion...

And because he hails from a solidly "red" state...

My opponent has "entrenched" himself behind a massive warchest filled by his powerful allies in Washington.

And he's been on the attack ever since I got in the race.

In fact, he even went so far as to try and use my military service against me, saying:

"There's a lot of people in the Senate that didn't serve in the military... I think that's part of that sense of entitlement that he [Cotton] gives off is that, almost like, I served my country, let me into the Senate. But that's not how it works in Arkansas."

It'll come as no surprise to you that I believe our country would be better off if we had more veterans serving in Congress.

You can help make that happen. How?

By joining my Cotton for Senate campaign team with a

#### contribution of \$35 today.

I'd be honored by your support.

And I want you to know that I am an across-the-board conservative who will fight for limited government, a strong national defense, and a respect for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" of all Americans --- born and unborn.

These are the principles that made America great.

And a return to these principles is what's needed to make sure we turn from this present course so we can pass the flame of liberty, burning bright, to our children and grandchildren.

Are you with me?

Given how much is at stake, if you're able to make a gift of \$50, \$75, \$125, \$500, or \$1,000, I'd be genuinely grateful.

The most you can give per election is \$2,600.

But whether it's \$35 or \$2,600 or some other amount, the most important thing is that you act now, before it's too late.

The 2014 midterm election is fast approaching.

Every generation of Americans before us has made sacrifices to preserve this land of liberty.

Now it's our turn.

Sincerely,

Please accept my thanks in advance for doing your part.

Congressman Tom Cotton (R-AR)

P.S. I hope you don't mind my sharing my family story with you or that I sent you this photo today. I'm so proud to have had the opportunity to wear our country's uniform. And it angers me to see the way career politicians are dimming the flame of liberty and jeopardizing the American Dream for our children and grandchildren. We can fix that. Join me. Rush your Cotton for Senate reply and your gift of \$35 or more back to my campaign headquarters in the next 72 hours. Thank you!



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Yes, Tom -- I'm proud to stand with you!

You can count on my support to defeat the "most vulnerable Democrat in the Senate, so that, together, you and I can keep the flame of liberty burning bright. And I'm rushing you my emergency contribution today in the amount of:

□ \$35	□ \$50	□ \$75	□ \$125	□ \$500
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Please make your check out to "Tom Cotton for Senate" or complete the credit card form on the back of this page.

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Thank you for doing your part to keep the flame of liberty burning bright!

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