



Dear Friends,

**20 days, 20 ideas, 20 minutes, \$20: Makeover**

Here is Idea #8 in our campaign to give voters actual solutions to our current challenges and to provide **20 steps to a Total Democracy Makeover**.

We need you as a partner in this journey to create a healthy, vibrant and thriving democracy. [If you like the idea, contribute \\$20.](#)

My opponents are in the kowtowing business--kowtowing to party establishment, big money, PAC, and K Street. I **am in the solutions business**. The solutions business for Main Street's small businesses-your business.

**Our servicemembers and veterans are central to our safety and security.**

Yet, the U.S. government is not honoring its commitments to our veterans. Denial or delay of Benefits is chronic and unacceptable. Also, we must pay our service members the same benefits as we pay private contractors. But the end goal should be to phase out mercenaries and return to a military of actual service members.

When taxpayer dollars go to enrich contractors like Blackwater (aka Xe) while our service members are paid so much less that they are forced to barely scrape by, the system is not only broken, but also dishonorable and reprehensible.

Instead of enriching a few military-industrial complex contractors, let's use those funds to pay our military members better, thereby investing our taxpayer dollars in the *people* of our military.

**DeFranco Delivers Idea #8: Stop Enriching Private Contractors. Fair Pay & Fair Benefits for Active Military Service Members and Veterans**

**Any person in the real world would see that this enrichment of private contractors at the expense of both our taxpayers and our veterans makes us weaker, not stronger. A strong defense is key to America's strength, and our strength depends on the *people* of our military. Enriching private "security" monopolies is illogical, a set up for disaster, bad for the American people and bad for the economy. Why hasn't my opponent done something about it?**

My Idea #8 is a solution that is not only fair but will also have a tremendously positive impact on jobs and our economy by weeding out the monopolies siphoning funds out of our military and by those same funds into the hands of our service members and veterans who have earned them.

**My solution #8: Equal Pay for Military & Veterans = Fuel Job Growth & Grow Main Street.**

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**For democracy,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marisa".

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