## Statement Recorded By CATHERINE AUSTIN FITTS for THE BACKBONE CAMPAIGN July 17, 2008

Hello, my name is Catherine Austin Fitts.

I am the president of Solari and the managing member of Solari Investment Advisory Services.

I am honored to be a nominee for U.S. Secretary of Treasury in the Backbone Campaign's Progressive Cabinet.

For almost a century, private banks through the Federal Reserve System and its lead bank, the New York Federal Reserve Bank, issue our currency and serve as the depository to the US government.

The Federal Reserve's mismanagement of our federal finances has debased our currency, drained our wealth and threatened our environment. There are trillions of undocumented adjustments to government accounts over the last decade, indicating a very significant amount of illegal transactions and gold and money missing. Our economy is in trouble. It's time for change.

Crime that pays is crime that stays. Please ask the candidates for their commitment to fire all federal depositories and contractors responsible for illegal transactions. Please ask them to get stolen gold and assets back and return the issuance of our currency to the U.S. Treasury.

Thank you for all you do for America. May your efforts during this campaign season be blessed.