This is a response to Penny Fattig's comments [in brackets] about my previous letter. Most research was taken from Wikipedia, which is not a be all and end all to fact checking, but sufficient to get my points across.

[Remember when the Republicans were in control six of the eight years of the Bush administration?]

No child gets an education and the prescription drug program? Socialism is socialism.

[The social ideas that spring up from the FDR administration included Social Security, disability unemployment compensation, Medicare, etc.] Let's just forget that it's all unconstitutional. Around 2017, revenue is projected to be insufficient to cover benefits. The system will begin to withdraw from the trust fund. The trust fund has been stolen (nothing but IOU's). While the Treasury guarantees payments it makes to the trust fund, payments made to retirees have no guarantee at all.

The Supreme Court in Flemming vs. Nestor (1960) established that no one has any legal right to Social Security benefits. In July 2008 the Office of the Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration calculated an unfunded obligation of $13.6 trillion for the program. To make matters worse, unemployment has cut the revenue going into the system and "Baby Boomers" will soon increase payments from the system. What position might all the people (in this system) be in had they been able to invest in their own personal retirement accounts and disability insurance, rather than being raped by the government?

[Lets have a show of hands...How many of us or if someone we know have benefitted from these programs?] Ida May Fuller of Ludlow, VT, was the first person to receive a monthly payment. In 1937, 1938 and 1939 she paid a total of $24.75 into the Social Security System. She lived to be 100 and collected a total of $22,888.92. Sorry, I couldn't resist that one.

[I thought it quite ironic that the totalitarianism letter...interestingly was published the same week as the article about the lady who received grants to repair her home from this government-I wonder if they forced her to take those grants.] The federal government borrowed (from our

grandchildren), then forced states to take stimulus money for programs like this. When the federal funds run dry, states are left holding the bag and have to cut other areas of their budgets. Governor Heineman just called a session to do this.

[Under totalitarianism authority we would have state-controlled media only.] Two hours after reading Penny's letter, I heard the president on the news saying "...just turn off the TV..."

[No, we do not have a totalitarianism government.] Never said we did. Our new Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor quoted Norman Thomas, presidential candidate for the Socialist Party of America. His most famous quote is, "The American people will never knowingly adopt Socialism. But under the name of 'liberalism' they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day America will be a socialist nation, without knowing how it happened."