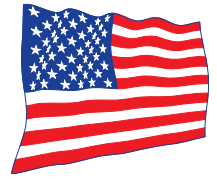


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Dear Therese Wiley Dancks,

On April 6, 2010, I will formally announce my candidacy for Assemblyman in the 111th Assembly District of New York State.

As a lifelong resident of Madison County, I am committed to the improvement of Central NY, its growth, and its progress. I own and operate a 322-acre perennial grass based farm and produce grass-fed beef. I am also Supervisor for the Town of Smithfield, Vice-Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and Chairman of the Madison County Industrial Development Agency.

For 30 years I have been involved in agriculture. First, I worked as a dairy farmer in Canastota on the family homestead, and then in 1989 I purchased a farm near Peterboro where I have raised a family and live today. In addition to farming, I continue to operate a small earthmoving business and have other business interests and investments related to residential construction.

In 1994, I began a seven-year term on the Smithfield Planning Board, and in 1999 was elected Town Supervisor.

It has been said that farming is one of the most noble of all professions and holding public office is one of the highest callings. These are responsibilities I take very seriously. Unfortunately, there are many in our state and federal governments who have lost sight of the fact that public officials work for the people. The dysfunctional condition of our state government and the continued degradation of core values and principles of good government are very troubling to all of us. Onerous regulations, irresponsible government spending and questionable investment in some social programs at the expense of future growth leaves our state with no choice but to place a greater burden of debt and responsibility on fewer and fewer people. We deserve better. Our children deserve better.

Clear evidence suggests that New York State is experiencing an exodus of our most productive and creative people. As the state's financial condition deteriorates, we will see more and more punitive fees and taxes enacted by our government. These additional fees and taxes are a desperate attempt to prop up, support, and satisfy the insatiable appetites of unaccountable bureaucracies created by our state legislature. If the policies and practices of the last 35 years, enacted by the Democratic majority led by Sheldon Silver and his downstate democrats, are allowed to continue, then it is likely we will see conditions get much worse.

Unless a wholesale and massive change occurs at the polls on November 2, 2010, the incumbent legislators will assume that the voters are satisfied with the direction of New York State. They will also see their re-election as a validation of their prior actions including those that have significantly harmed the people and our state's future.

To fully understand the concerns and challenges within the 111th Assembly District, I will travel throughout the district and meet with as many people as possible. Significant action is required and necessary to turn the State of New York away from a precipitous decline. Together, we can make a difference.

As you become more familiar with my core values and the principles that guide my decisions, I hope to earn your trust and respect. It is only with your collective support that I will be provided with the means to make a positive impact. Attached for your consideration is my resumé with additional contact information. At your convenience, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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