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Independent Ideas ★ The Courage To Act

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MESSAGE FOR WINDEPENDENTS:

I am getting a lot of questions about what is next for me after the primary election. For the moment, I prefer to consider what we accomplished, thanks to your support. Just 113 days ago there was no Windle for Congress. There was no Windependent. I was sitting quietly working at my job complaining about Congress in my lectures to students. I realized, however, I could do more in serving the public than my federal career. I took a tremendous risk in leaving my job, and I have no regrets.

By the time the ballots are certified I expect we will have crossed 5,000 votes in the 8th District. This does not account for the thousands of volunteers and supporters in the surrounding Districts here in Washington State. This does not account for my advisors, donors, and supporters throughout the country, including in Washington, D.C., and Southern California. The great work of independent-minded people making a difference in politics has begun.

Independent-thinking for me epitomizes what it means to be an American. We can fall into group-think at times but independent-thinking has brought this country from its humble beginnings to its prominent place in the world today. This is the Declaration of Independence. It is pioneering west across the continent. It is the mass production of the automobile, developing nuclear power, landing on the moon, expanding the Internet, and integrating the personal computer into our daily lives, among many other examples. So what has happened to us in politics?

In recent days, this is what I challenged voters and supporters to do: think for yourself. The voters decided to stay with the political parties. Their decision is not surprising. The two parties have been the only serious alternatives for decades with vast organizations and trust. Still, our country would benefit from new leadership and a return to independent-thinking in politics. Independents can win. The Windependent movement is just beginning.

I have decided to keep fighting. This means you will see me running with my log, writing, and engaging people on what I think is the defining choice of our generation. We can either continue the policies and politics that will lead us toward national decline and mediocrity or we will choose greatness and excellence. I choose the latter. Please stay in touch and thanks again for all of your support.

With Much Gratitude,
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