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Dear Deschutes County Democratic Precinct Committee Person,

I am new to many of you, and I would like to share a little about my background. I have lived in Oregon's 5th Congressional District for over 40 years. I raised five children who all attended Canby Public Schools. I started my veterinary practice in the Willamette Valley—first as an equine vet and later opening a small animal practice in Oregon City. I live on the historic *Three Rivers Farm* outside of Canby, where I raised organic strawberries and am proud to have helped write some of Oregon's first organic certification rules for livestock. I am forever connected to this land.

I first engaged in public service on the Canby Planning Commission. In 1997, I ran and won a seat in the Oregon House before being elected to the Oregon Senate, where I served as Co-Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. I maintained my veterinary practice while serving in the legislature and in 2008, when Congresswoman Darlene Hooley announced her retirement, I saw an opportunity to serve Oregonians in our nation's capital.

Oregon's 5th Congressional District is one of the most politically and geographically diverse districts in the country, and this diversity remains after redistricting. I have proven time and time again I can win it by reaching common ground with my colleagues on policies that impact us all. This is important to me because I am elected to be a representative for everyone in the district—urban, suburban, rural, educators, farmers, farm workers, truck drivers, doctors, small business owners and on down the line. D.C. is rife with partisanship that is hurting our ability to get things done. And that is what you send us to Congress to do— **get things done.**

In the last two years, Congress passed five COVID relief bills totaling over \$4 trillion dollars to help control the spread of the virus, provide relief to families and individuals, send children back to school, and support struggling businesses. We also passed the largest investment in infrastructure in our nation's history, investing in our roads, bridges, transit and broadband with an emphasis on the climate crisis, American competitiveness, and creating good-paying union jobs.

**That tells me when we want to work together, we can do it.**

But I want to be clear—**there are things we can not compromise on and I want to make my record clear**—I am proud to have earned an A rating from the *National Education Association* and a 100% rating with *Planned Parenthood*, *NARAL*, *ACLU* and the *Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights*. I also am proud to have earned the endorsement of the *Progressive Turnout Project*, *Planned Parenthood* and the *American Federation of Government Employees*, and I have voted with President Biden 96% of the time according to *FiveThirtyEight*.

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I have shared some key votes below to help introduce you to my record which is strong for Oregonians:

- Voted for the ***Build Back Better Act*** which makes strong investments in child care, a paid family leave program, affordable housing, universal pre-k, and the ability for Medicare to negotiate on prescription drugs and cap insulin at \$35/month—a plan that I wrote to make sure this critical piece can cross the finish line
- Voted for the ***College Affordability Act*** to lower overall costs for students, increase Pell Grant awards and expand access to dual enrollment which allows high school students to complete classes and avoid college tuition costs
- Voted for the ***impeachment of President Donald J. Trump*** two times to hold him accountable for crimes against our democracy
- Voted for the ***Equality Act*** to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, and education
- Voted for the ***For the People Act*** and the ***John Lewis Voting Rights Act*** to expand voting rights, change campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of money in politics, ban partisan gerrymandering, and create new ethics rules for federal officeholders
- Voted for the ***PRO Act*** to allow for card check, binding arbitration and increased penalties for employers who interfere against workers lawfully working to form a union (March 9, 2021) and have committed to vote for this legislation in the 118th Congress and I am a Co-sponsor of the ***Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act*** AND the ***Fire Fighter and EMS Employer-Employee Cooperation Act*** to guarantee every public employee in every state have the freedom to organize
- Voted for the ***Background Checks Act*** and the ***Enhanced Background Checks Act*** to expand background checks to online sales and close the “gun show” loophole
- Voted for the ***Violence Against Women Act*** to support comprehensive, cost-effective responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking
- ***Voted for the American Dream and Promise Act*** and support comprehensive immigration reform to give young people and their families a pathway to citizenship
- Voted for the ***Farm Workforce Modernization Act*** to allow those working in agriculture to receive Certified Agricultural Worker Status and eventually lawful permanent resident status
- Voted to ***Increase Funding for Renewable Energy Research and Development of Clean Energy***
- Voted for ***Protect America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act*** (H.R. 803), a package of land protection bills across the west that would protect more than 4 million acres of public lands and more than 1000 river miles
- Voted for the ***STOCK Act*** to prohibit members and employees of Congress from using any non public information derived from the individual's position for personal benefit.

The burden that has been placed on the shoulders of Oregon families has been challenging, and I thank each of you for volunteering your time as a Precinct Committee Person to help Oregon keep moving forward and emerge from the pandemic stronger than before. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy. If you have any questions about my record on any issue, please contact Shane O’Brien at [shane@kurtschrader.com](mailto:shane@kurtschrader.com).

Sincerely,



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