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STATE SENATOR

COMMITTED TO YOU

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Friends and neighbors of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury:

Today, I'm thrilled to announce my candidacy for state senator. While serving as your state representative, I've grown increasingly concerned about the fiscal health of our commonwealth, the continued unemployment and part-time job crisis, and the culture of corruption on Beacon Hill.

Governor Patrick is calling for another \$1 billion spending increase, breaking last year's all-time record, and he wants to raise your taxes again. An unaccountable supermajority controls 80% of the legislature, steamrolls debate, and bureaucrats pilfer your tax dollars. And with one-party rule, corruption takes hold: several former members of the legislature are in prison for various crimes, and the last three Speakers of the House were convicted of federal felonies.

I'm running for state senate to help end this madness, increase transparency, and protect *your* interests.

PROGRESS FIGHTING FOR YOU

I began this work as your state representative, and we have won important battles in the House:

- Demanding priorities in government & an end to overspending
- Forcing debate and votes for lower tax rates across the board
- Giving municipalities greater control over healthcare costs
- Reining in welfare abuse

While I am proud of our accomplishments, there is much more work to do. As your state senator, I will continue to focus on four important goals:

- Slashing tax rates across the board for all businesses and individuals
- Reforming government, reining in spending & encouraging private-sector job growth
- Reforming and repealing job-destroying regulations on business
- Prioritizing local aid, which supports education and public safety

THIS YEAR, YOU HAVE A CLEAR CHOICE

For 16 years, my opponent, Barry Finegold, has voted to tax, regulate, and spend. His votes have damaged the state economy, eliminated thousands of jobs, and lowered your standard of living. The legislation he supports demonstrates how badly he's grown out-of-touch with the Merrimack Valley:

- Increasing taxes by billions on consumers and industry
- Raising the sales tax by 25%—an incredible \$650 million tax hike that killed 10,000 private-sector jobs and added 5,000 government bureaucrats to the state payroll
- Supporting regulations and mandates that increase the cost of energy
- Cutting over \$400 million in local aid

WE CAN WIN

This is a seat the people can take back from a perennial tax and spender:

- Despite spending nearly \$400,000 in 2010, Finegold won by only a few percentage points against a first-time candidate who spent just \$30,000
- In 2010, I received more votes than Finegold in a majority of precincts where we overlap
- I speak fluent Spanish and Portuguese, and will campaign tirelessly
- My support in Lawrence is appreciably higher than most Republicans
- Republican U.S. Senator Scott Brown won our district with 59% of the vote

For decades, the Merrimack Valley has sent principled voices of reason to Beacon Hill to offset one-party rule and to protect your precious resources. If you don't do it, who will?

I love serving you, and I am honored and humbled every day by the responsibility which you have entrusted to me. You can count on me as your fearless ally, and I would be grateful to have your support.

Sincerely,



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