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Former Kitzhaber Advisor Steve Marks Announces for Congress

SALEM, Ore.---(March 4, 2008) Steve Marks, former chief policy advisor and Chief of Staff to Governor John Kitzhaber, today announced his candidacy for Oregon's 5th Congressional District.

"I bring a history of service and a record of results," Marks said. "I know this district, its people and their concerns, from the coast to the Santiam canyon. And I know what every citizen, regardless of party, in this district knows -- Washington is broken -- we need change that makes Washington work for us."

Overseeing the Marks' campaign is Joe Trippi who is heralded as the man who "reinvented campaigning" by The New Republic. Most recently, Trippi worked with the John Edwards campaign. He earned a national reputation for his work on Howard Dean's presidential campaign for his internet campaign inventions. Trippi knows the 5th Congressional District well, Marks noted, from Trippi's previous work on behalf of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley.

"Steve Marks, in a short time, has built an impressive grassroots team that will give him the opportunity to compete and compete strongly. People know we need change in Washington and they are already volunteering and making pledges of campaign contributions at levels that tell me Steve Marks will have the organization and resources to make his case for real change to the people of the 5th district." Trippi said. Trippi said the Marks' campaign soon will schedule formal announcement activities throughout the district.

Marks, who has long been regarded as a maverick with the experience to work for change, has an extensive history in public service. He served as former Governor John Kitzhaber's Chief of Staff and Chief Policy advisor. He worked with Kitzhaber from 1985 to 1993 in the Senate President's Office.

Marks grew up in Sutherlin, Oregon where he graduated from high school. He earned a graduate degree from the University of Oregon with a master's degree in Planning, Public Policy and Management. Most recently he has work as a consultant and advocate for public safety communications, health care, economic development, and agricultural sustainability issues.

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