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WHO IS THE REAL RYAN ZINKE

This past year, I have been asked repeatedly who I support in the Republican Congressional primary. State Senators Matt Rosendale, Corey Stapleton and Elsie Arntzen would all serve this state and conservatives well. **My concern lies with State Senator Ryan Zinke.** Over the past few years I have developed many concerns with Ryan, which I will address in the following:

America is continually finding itself at a crossroads on many fiscal and social issues. We need much more than just a “republican,” but a conservative leader who stands firm with conviction. As a State Senator, there is just one consistent thread throughout his tenure: inconsistency. **He asserted himself as a John Kerry protégé flip-flop-flip-flop-flip-flopper.** Wall Street fat cats and DC big wigs are pumping hundreds of thousands of dollars of outside money to “re-brand” him. I intend to be a resource to Montana voters to make an informed decision. **If you are as concerned as I am about the direction and leadership of our state and county, then after doing your own research, I encourage you to share this with your family, friends, co-workers, and fellow Montanans.**

Since his announcement of his candidacy for Congress, Ryan’s positions have dramatically changed. A few of the stances he has reversed, re-branded or removed include:

- Children’s right to life
- Quality competitive education
- Environmental over-regulation
- 2nd Amendment rights
- Personal ethics

Here are some specific examples:

Abortion Issues:

- Supported NARAL Pro-Choice Montana 65% in 2009.
- Voted against the interests of the Montana Family Foundation 1 in every 3 votes in 2009.
- Tried to portray himself as Pro-life while misleading Montanans by indicating that he was the lone candidate endorsed by Montana Right to Life PAC.
 [Billings Gazette- MTL not endorsing candidates](#)

Education

- Voted against educational choice by supporting Eric Fever and the interests of the MEA-MFT (Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers) 73% of the time in 2009.

Environmental Issues:

Senator Zinke claims to be for job creation and natural resource development in Montana but has an established history of supporting radical far left groups that fight hard to keep good paying jobs out of Montana.

- Supported the interests of Montana Audubon 50 % of the time in 2009.
- Supported the interests of the Montana Conservation Voters 54 % of the time in 2009.
- Supported the interests of the job-killing Montana Environmental Information Center 40 % of the time in 2009.
- Voted with the interests of the Northern Plains Resource Council nearly 1 in every 2 votes in 2009.
- Member of the job-killing Nature Conservancy.

Gun Issues

- The NRA Political Victory Fund graded him with a disturbing “C” in 2008 based on results of a questionnaire sent to all candidates.
- Received a lackluster “B” from the Montana Shooting Sports Association in 2008.
- At a recent debate, Senator Zinke admitted that because so many Montanans had concerns with his weak 2nd amendment and constitutional positions, he has now agreed to support the 2nd amendment.

Should we have a Congressman that is committed to uphold his oath to the Constitution or one that develops his position based on the amount of pressure he receives? I want a Statesman that keeps his oath and protects our Constitutional rights.

Ethics

While no candidate will have the same position as you every single time, there is a common denominator with Senator Zinke that no Montanan should support. That being a list of ethical concerns that trump any positions he may take. I encourage you to do your own research and form opinions based on concerns that have been developed.

- After the MSU College Republican debate in Bozeman, Senator Zinke claimed a decisive victory. In truth, Senator Rosendale won the straw poll. <http://kmmsam.com/matt-rosendale-ryan-zinke-get-most-votes-in-u-s-house-republican-primary-straw-poll/>
- Senator Zinke was a founder and chairman of SOFA, a “Super PAC,” gathering large out of state, special interest money. He was a major leader and fundraiser for SOFA up to his candidacy. Now SOFA is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars promoting his candidacy. While he claims no coordination between the groups, both conservatives and liberals alike are taken aback by this shady affiliation. This issue is already being brought up amongst liberals; <http://mtstreetfighter.com/tag/ryan-zinke-for-congress/> and <http://intelligentdiscontent.com/2013/11/03/a-primer-on-ryan-zinkes-ethical-lapses-did-he-lie-to-the-fec/>. **These concerns are real and will be used to defeat Zinke in the general election, essentially give away the congressional seat.**

· We must even question what allegiance Zinke will hold if elected. His campaign has raised more than 80% of its funds from outside of Montana, with much of it coming from Wall Street fat cats and DC insiders. Will he be for Montana or for his big money supporters? Again, do the research and make your own decision.

Vote Smart is a great resource to research all the candidates:

http://www.votesmart.org/issue_rating_category.php?can_id=104073

We need to get this information to all Montana voters. They need to know who the real Ryan Zinke is, not the one that has spent big money portraying him as something he clearly is not. Please share this email with your friends. Print copies and distribute to any voters that want to know the truth, and as always, encourage them to do their own research.

Thank you for your shared concern for Montana and this great country!



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