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My name is Ralph McGill, and I am running in the Republican Primary for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 2nd District. I **AM** an Oak Ridge retiree – retiring from ORNL in 2004. I know your issues with DOE regarding the pension plan. I know where the problem is and where it must be addressed. I will be a staunch ally in Congress for your issues since I share your concerns in my own life. Some may say that this would be a conflict of interest for me. But, doing what is right, just, and equitable for 12,000 people can never be a conflict of interest.

That, of course is not the only reason that I am running. I decided to run because the Federal government is growing out of control and spending money like it grows on trees. We have many problems in America that are not being addressed by a partisan and always bickering Congress. We need change in America, and it must start in Washington. I believe that we need a new breed of bold citizens who will offer themselves as representatives of the people, go to Washington, do the right things for America, and then go home and back to their lives. This is what our founders intended. Instead we have career politicians who are concerned as much with self-preservation as they are in doing right for the nation.

In only my lifetime we have created two **HUGE** problems: (1) a dependent society who thinks that the Federal government should be the solution to every possible problem in life - this was **NEVER** intended in the Constitution (read the Constitution - you'll see) (2) a ruling class of politicians who think they should be in office for life. These two problems are interconnected and feed off of each other, and it's a vicious cycle. The career politicians will do whatever it takes to keep society dependent on the Federal government, so they provide government entitlements (which we can't afford) to make sure that happens. That way, they can be confident of their re-election for life. And the cycle just keeps growing out of control. Doing what's good for the country is not the top priority with these politicians. Rather, doing what's best for re-election is the priority. If what's good for the country just happens to be the same as what's good for re-election, then that's great. If not, then re-election is the top priority with them. You see evidence of this in every debate on a major issue.

This vicious cycle has got to stop. That's why my platform is full of proposals that would help break that vicious cycle of the dependent society and the ruling class of politicians. One proposal - Term limits for Congress! This will stop the abuse of power. I also propose a "no repeat" rule for those serving in the House and Senate. You would not be allowed to run for a consecutive term. You can come back and run later, but not in the next term. There will be no incumbents that way. You cannot imagine how much advantage an incumbent has in elections.

I also think it's time that the Supreme Court justices have limited terms, not appointed for life. I would propose a ten-year term - then they are out and can never return.

Tax reform. It's time to take the politics out of taxing. The income tax code is just a tool for politicians now, currying favor with one group or another while also creating class envy and dividing the country. It's time to adopt the FairTax plan. It will do away with income tax and the IRS.

I believe it's time to start reducing the size of the federal government and giving authorities back to the States where the authority belongs in the first place. It's time for real cuts in Federal spending, not just holding the budget level – cut the budget! I believe it's time for a balanced budget amendment. When career politicians are faced with a choice of either cutting the budget or raising taxes, which do you think they will choose?

On other issues - I am a lifetime, committed believer in the pro-life cause. I believe in the sanctity of life and the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman. I have strong feelings about the illegal immigration problem and will work to close the southern border and grant NO amnesty to those who are here illegally. And, by the way, it's time to officially adopt English as the national language. We don't want the same problems here that Canada contends with in their dual-language society.

One thing is sure – if we want change in America, we are **NOT** going to get it if we keep sending the same people back to Washington year after year. It's time for a new breed of politics in America. More of the same is not working.

I will very much appreciate your vote in the Primary. One man can make a difference, but together we can change a nation. Thank you very much.

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