Good afternoon and thank you for coming,

For those of you who may not know, I am Elizabeth Moffly and I am here to announce my candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 1st Congressional District.

Public service has always been a higher calling to me – to be a voice for the people where decisions are being made that have a direct effect on our lives.

Too often, I have heard - that’s the way it is and there’s nothing you can do about it. That point of view has only fueled my desire to actively pursue public office as a policy maker for the people.

My candidacy rest on three basic principles – Personal Freedom, Economic Security and Limited Government

Personal Freedom

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the personal freedoms that we elect our representatives to protect us from government intrusion.

The first purpose of representation is to uphold the rights of a free people. However, our freedoms and the freedoms of future generations have been under assault.

With freedom comes personal responsibility. Citizens should not expect the government to provide for them what they can provide for themselves.

Each of us must carry our own share of responsibility without Big Brother constantly looking over our shoulder. Congress has continually used the law to make policy decisions that coerce Americans into social engineering agendas.

Temporary assistance during hard times is fine, but trapping citizens into ongoing government programs that encourage continued dependence is wrong.

Economic Security

For too long, the federal government has run on a buy now, pay later plan. Budget deficits and government debt are out of control, threatening the very existence of our country.

We must have representatives in Washington who understand this basic principle - if your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep is your downfall.

As your representative, I will insist on and vote for a balanced budget.

Economic security equals national security. We cannot remain a free country if we continue to borrow from other countries to pay our bills.

Limited Government

With personal freedom and economic security comes limited government.

The federal government should no longer be allowed to usurp state and local control. We must get the federal government out of mandates such as No Child Left Behind.

Such programs do not improve education, they only serve to sustain a large, federal bureaucracy that is out of control.

Real solutions in areas such as education, health care reform and the environment should come from the levels closest to the people.

I will work to force the federal government back to the basic responsibilities it was given by the Founding Fathers – provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

In closing, I would like to say it is obvious the old ways of government must be changed. I don’t believe we can allow that job to be in the hands of what can be called career politicians.

We need new people with new ideas and new energy to get this country back on the right track. Often, the best man for the job is a woman.

I am that woman.

Thank you

In politics, as in life, the best man for a job is often a woman. I am that woman, the best candidate for the job of representing the citizens of the 1st Congressional District in Washington.