

Disgusted by Washington DC Elite, Peter Kinder Announces Formation of Exploratory Committee for U.S. Congress

(Cape Girardeau, MO) –Monday afternoon, Lt. Governor Peter Kinder met with key supporters at the home of former State Representative Mary Kasten to speak about his disgust with the dysfunction of out-of-touch Washington elites, sign paperwork to set up an FEC exploratory committee, and discuss a potential campaign with Kasten, David Schwab, David Limbaugh, and Trisha LaFoe.

“It seems like special interests have co-opted nearly every member of Congress, and it is inexcusable that these elected officials just go along with it, wasting time and money on ever-expanding government without offering the real, common-sense solutions we need,” Kinder remarked. “This country belongs to the people, not the elites, and we need a voice in Congress who recognizes that.”

Mary Kasten, who served in the Missouri House from 1983 through 2001 and again in 2008, said, “Peter Kinder and I worked together to end partial-birth abortions and protect the Second Amendment. He has always stood up and led the fight for conservative issues, and I know he would do the same in Congress.”

Best-selling author and attorney David Limbaugh added his disgust with the current Washington establishment, saying, “We cannot allow the current group of Washington elites to destroy our nation; we need to send proven leaders to Congress who have demonstrated true commitment to conservative principles. Peter Kinder is a consistently conservative leader, and I know he would do the right thing in Washington,” stated Limbaugh.

Peter Kinder has a proven track record of delivering results on conservative issues. As a state senator, Kinder passed legislation to end partial-birth abortion and then led the veto override on this measure in 1997. Kinder also orchestrated the veto override effort which gave Missourians the right to carry, led the effort to lower taxes by more than \$350 million, and slashed millions in state spending.

As Lieutenant Governor, Kinder has led the fight against Obamacare by filing a lawsuit to challenge its constitutionality, exposed a serious violation of state law by

the Nixon administration in which they shared a list of concealed carry permit holders with the Obama administration, and is leading the effort to pass Right to Work legislation to open rural Missouri up for jobs.

Kinder began his work in southeast Missouri by managing the late Congressman Bill Emerson's first campaign for U.S. Congress in 1980, defeating an entrenched liberal congressman who had served for six terms. Kinder was elected to the Missouri Senate in 1992, defeating former First Lady of Missouri Betty Hearnes. In 2001, Kinder helped elect the first Republican majority of the Missouri Senate in 53 years, which became a firewall against the Democrat governor. In 2004, Kinder defeated former Secretary of State Bekki Cook to become Lt. Governor. In both 2008 and 2012, Kinder was the only Republican to win statewide election. In 2012, Kinder defeated former State Auditor Susan Montee by carrying 108 of 114 counties.

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