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FORMER BEXLEY MAYORAL CANDIDATE ANNOUNCES RUN FOR U.S.
CONGRESS AS LIBERTARIAN IN OHIO'S 12TH DISTRICT

To the Voters of Ohio's 12th Congressional District:

I am proud to announce my candidacy as a Libertarian for Ohio's 12th Congressional District. I am running to unseat the current incumbent, Republican Pat Tiberi.

Though a daunting task, at 26 years old, this is something I must do as an effort to truly help my country and the community I care so much about. Republicans and Democrats in the Federal government have engaged in blatant partisan hypocrisy for too long now, even though in each midterm election we always rely on them for our hopes of "change."

However, real change will not come from the Republican or Democratic parties. I think that has never been more evident than now. Too few Congressmen, out of the 435 public servants in that representative body, actually speak for the American people anymore. It is obvious that both parties have sold out to big military, corporate and financial interests.

A third party in America must acquire offices in our Federal government to keep these major parties in check. In Ohio, The Libertarian Party is that third party. After acquiring ballot access in 2006 through brilliant legal efforts, they have secured this same access in 2008 and 2010. Ohioans can learn more about them from their website at www.lpo.org.

I was happy to have the Franklin County Libertarian Party's endorsement when I ran for Mayor of Bexley in 2007, and because of this, I am compelled to enter this campaign. My key issues will be lowering the Federal budget – especially costly military spending, restoring Constitutional freedoms, and decentralizing government power to state levels.

Since my run for Mayor of Bexley in 2007, I have interned on Capitol Hill in the press office of Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), and have traveled to 15 different states as a video reporter, where I interviewed local government officials about their services. This experience made me realize that small and localized governments are a real solution.

As a member of the new generation, "The Millennials," I am a member of a fresh creative economy that is taking over the 12th Congressional district. I have been a commercially successful part of this economy with my own small business since graduating from Ohio University in 2006, and have much more to give my community in the coming years.

In 1787, one of the youngest politicians to help with the new Constitution in the early days of the United States was a 26-year old lawyer named Jonathan Dayton. He was the youngest of all the legislators present. I point to his example to show that youth is not a sign of inexperience. To the contrary, it can be the sign of a brave new beginning.

We will be continuing to construct www.irvineforcongress.com over the course of the next year, but for now, voters can learn more about myself or contact my campaign through my 2007 Bexley Mayoral Campaign website, www.americanmayor.biz.

Yours in Liberty,

Travis M. Irvine

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