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Reske calls on Brooks to return contributions from National Right to Life

Reske says Brooks' anti-woman positions are extreme, requests positions be made public

PENDLETON, IN— Scott Reske, candidate for U.S. Congress in Indiana's 5th District, today responded to his opponent, Susan Brooks, being endorsed by National Right to Life and urged her to return the organization's political contributions and release her official positions.

Reske said the endorsement shows Brooks will focus on divisive social issues instead of focusing on jobs and the economy, and that her seeking the endorsement of this group shows she does not share the priorities of 5th District voters.

"In order to win the Right to Life endorsement, candidates must agree to promote the group's agenda, which hurts women and does nothing to improve our economy or create jobs," said Reske. "In the tradition of Dan Burton, Brooks is aligning herself with extreme conservatives. Voters here are concerned about jobs, the economy and our Federal budget. They are concerned about elected officials who focus on divisive social agendas that in many cases serve to harm women.

"While my opponent pledges to take away women's access to healthcare services, such as life-saving cancer screenings, maternity care, family planning and breast cancer coverage, I will fight to protect these important programs, and I will fight any agenda that takes focus away from improving our economy and creating jobs.

"If my opponent intends to focus on jobs and the economy and not on pursuing the organization's divisive agenda as a member of Congress, she should immediately return the political contributions given to her by National Right to Life.

"It is also very telling that Brooks has not publicized this endorsement. She wants to say one thing in public and another in private when courting her conservative special interest groups. I ask her to release her official answers from the National Right to Life candidate questionnaire and make her positions public.

"In the tradition of two of our great Hoosier public servants, Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh, both of whom were criticized by Right to Life, I will focus on solving problems in a bi-partisan manner. That requires finding common ground with people and not being committed to pushing divisive agendas."

Scott Reske is an Iraq War veteran and retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel, who served as a helicopter pilot while on active duty. He has served his community as state representative, a volunteer firefighter and as a reserve deputy sheriff. Reske is a former principal of one of Indiana's major engineering firms, which employs over 100 people. He lives in Pendleton with his wife, Jenny, and has three children.

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