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Mr. Lawrence Norton
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SENSITIVE

Dear Mr. Norton:

It has come to my attention that Paul Aronson of New Jersey (www.paularonson.com) has violated the rules governing the "testing the waters" or "exploratory" phase of his campaign for Congress.

Find attached a sample solicitation letter from him and text from his website (7 pages) that, despite explicit mentions of a "Congressional Exploratory Campaign," uses language where "campaigning is apparent." In addition, evidence suggests, and a look at his website confirms, that Aronson has raised "more money than what is reasonably needed to test the waters or amass funds (seed money) to be used after candidacy is established." Please see the samples from his website - dated July 11, September 1 and November 1 - confirming this.

I am writing to urge you to look into this matter since Paul Aronson has clearly been behaving like a political candidate and not simply a prospective candidate who was "testing the waters." He is in direct violation of Chapter 1 - Section 1 rules governing the initial phases of a congressional campaign.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Reese

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Ramsey, NJ 07446

*Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 25th day of January 2008*

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Democratic Party of New Jersey
2004-2005



PRESS ROOM

For Immediate Release
July 11th, 2005

Contact Paul Aronsohn
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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

July 11, 2005

It's been three months since we launched our exploratory campaign, and what a busy three months it's been....

Advisory Committee

Our much valued advisory committee has expanded in size and depth:

- ✓ The Honorable Matthew P. Mattele - Councilman & Mayoral Candidate, Dumont
- ✓ Rabbi Menachem Genack - Englewood
- ✓ Dr. Robert Angelo - Rutgers University (Labor Studies & Employment Relations)
- ✓ Hal Benarish - Chemistry Council of New Jersey
- ✓ Bret Caldwell - International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- ✓ Andrew Frank - Strategy X3 Group/Krasb
- ✓ Jonathan Kepp - Sheperdson Stein & Kaminsky
- ✓ Christine Mosler - Virtual Campaigning LLC / Former Manager, Wolfe for Congress
- ✓ Marale Roth - National Spinal Cord Injury Association

Check out the campaign's full advisory committee -- Advisory Committee .

Fundraising

By necessity, much time has been spent raising resources for our effort. So far, so good. In addition to more than 75 individual contributions, we have already held two fundraising events. Thanks to good friends Peter Belfi, Ashley Benmer, John Cooper and Hannah Richert, these events were successful in every sense of the word. More events are being planned for the summer and fall. Stay tuned.....

To help with our fundraising effort, we are planning to bring on board Vivian Santora (Santora LLC), who previously served as National Finance Director for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The success of this campaign, however, will depend on the generosity of people like you, so please ... Click Here to Donate Today!!!

Meetings

In New Jersey, we've been meeting with numerous community leaders throughout the District and the State, including ... County Democratic Party Chairpersons, Municipal Party Chairpersons, labor leaders, business leaders, women leaders, and religious and ethnic leaders. We've also been consulting closely with two leading Members of N.J.'s Congressional Delegation -- Rob Andrews and Bob Menendez.

In Washington, we've had the opportunity to speak with key groups and their representatives, including ... Howard Dean, Chairman, Democratic National Committee; Congressman Rahm Emanuel, Chairman, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, Chairwoman, New Democrat Coalition; Simon Rosenberg, President, New Democrat Network, and senior representatives of the Democratic Leadership Council.

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Events

We've been attending many events within the District and throughout the State. Nonetheless, we will always remember Paul's first speaking engagement as a prospective candidate. On May 8, at the invitation of Chairman Howard Barrell, Paul spoke to a gathering of the Sussex County Democrats. And although he forgot to smile for this picture...he really enjoyed meeting the good people fighting the good fight in the northwest corner of our beloved State.

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PAUL ARONSOHN

Congressional Exploratory Campaign

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September 1st, 2005

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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

September 1, 2005

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Campaign's Advisory Committee has continued to grow in both size and depth with the addition of four key people – each of whom brings to the campaign a wealth of experience in key issue areas:

Peter Bell - National Security Dr. Alex Grobman - Jewish Studies & Israel
Mimi Mager - Women's Issues & Civil Rights Prof Ron Verdicheio - Education

FUNDRAISING

The fundraising machine continues to pick up steam. In addition to about 140 individual donations, the Campaign is gearing up for a busy fall. Several activities are being planned over the next couple of months, including some high-profile events hosted by former White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry (September 18) and Ambassador Richard Holbrooke (October 13).

And stay tuned for an upcoming visit to the 5th District by New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and an upcoming Washington event with former Clinton Advisor Paul Begala.

EVENTS

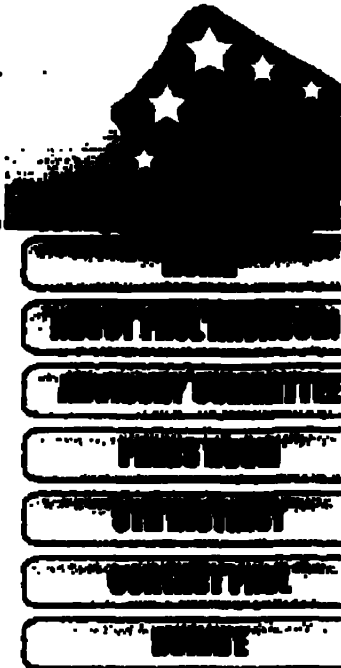
It's been a busy summer. Paul has continued reaching out to community and political leaders throughout the State. He has also attended many great events, including those organized in support of Midland Park Council Candidate Marion Flumley, River Edge Council Candidate Gloria McCarthy Hayden and Jay Buchholz, and Sussex County Assembly Candidates Tom Boyle and Brian Murphy.

Next week, at the personal invitation of American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Political Director Larry Seamon, Paul will be attending a "Boot Camp" for prospective congressional candidates. He will be joined by Campaign superstars Vivian Santora and Esther Suarez. The 3-day seminar is being organized by AFSCME and the New House PAC.

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The Star-Ledger

The Auditor

Sunday, September 11, 2005

Is U.S. Rep. Scott Garrett a man of principle or a miser with a mean streak?

Garrett is a Republican who represents the conservative 5th District, which stretches from Bergen County across the state's northern reaches into Sussex and Warren counties. He is also one of only 11 members of Congress who voted Thursday against a bill that provided \$52 billion for Hurricane Katrina relief.

"I know the vote would give my critics something to use," Garrett tells the Auditor. "But if I have to pay a political price, I will."

He was right about the criticism. Within a few hours of the vote, a Democratic challenger, Paul Aronson, accused him of abandoning the hurricane's victims.

"It's outrageous," says Aronson. "It would have been the right thing to send a message to the people in the Gulf Coast that the nation stands behind them in unison. But he lacks the compassion and decency to do that."

Garrett says he is perfectly willing to spend \$52 billion on hurricane relief, and even more. But he did not want to write a blank check to the beleaguered Federal Emergency Management Agency without more oversight.

He wanted to parcel out the money in smaller bites, starting with about \$15 billion, then require FEMA to justify that spending before getting more. He notes that U.S. Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), the Democratic leader, also expressed fears that FEMA would waste the money.

"A lot of people on the floor struggled with this vote," Garrett says. "I thought the better part of my job is to look after the people in the (Gulf) area, and what's best for them."

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November 1st, 2005

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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

REMEMBER - NOVEMBER 8 IS ELECTION DAY

VOTE FOR JON CORZINE

FOR
GOVERNOR

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Campaign's Advisory Committee just keeps growing in both size and depth. Below are the newest members of the team:

Adrienne Germain

Leading Women's Activist

Keith Jones

Former President, NAACP (NJ Chapter)

Omar Rodriguez

President, Saddle Brook Council

For more information on these and other advisory committee members, check out our website - www.paularonsohn.com.

FUNDRAISING

Well, we've crossed our first major threshold: With more than a year until the election, the campaign has already received about 225 individual contributions and has raised about \$100,000!!!

To put this in perspective, remember ...

- ✓ the last 5th District Democratic nominee had only about 180 individual contributions throughout the entire election cycle; and
- ✓ the last 5th District Democratic nominee had \$0 by this time in the last election cycle.

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In other words, we are ahead of the curve and moving forward...fast.

Thanks to all who are making this campaign possible, including good friends Beth and Eric Berman, who recently hosted a very special event along with Jon Kopp and Andrew Frank. Special thanks also go to Gina and David Chu for opening their home to us for an extraordinary event with co-hosts Mia Farrow, Pam Galt, and Richard Holbrooke.

Next Up: Two events with key members of former President Clinton's Administration - Mike McCurry will be hosting an event in his office, and Paul Begala will be headlining an event on Capitol Hill. Both events will take place on Thursday, December 8 in Washington. For more information, please contact Vivian Santora at vsantora@nyc.ny.com.

EVENTS

Paul recently spent a few days at a "boot camp" for congressional candidates. The training session was hosted and run by AFSCME and the New House PAC. Among the weekend's highlights were speeches by House Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, former Representative Ron Dellums, and AFSCME's Lee Saunders.

Paul has also been criss-crossing the District - participating in numerous events in support of our candidates - and has been meeting with key political leaders in New Jersey and Washington. And thanks to good friend STE Agos, Paul even had a chance to discuss his race with former Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry.

PHOTO GALLERY

Check out our website soon for a new "photo gallery" with some shots from the campaign trail.

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Congressional Exploratory Campaign
New Jersey's 5th District



October 27, 2005

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Dear John:

It is becoming increasingly clear: We need change in Washington, and we need it fast.

The corruption...the cronyism...the incompetence -- it's all taking a very real, very serious toll on our security and on our quality of life. In fact, by practically every measure -- national security, the economy, healthcare -- we seem to be headed dangerously in the wrong direction.

Next year's congressional election will therefore provide us with both an opportunity and an obligation -- an opportunity to bring about much needed change in Washington and an obligation to make that change a reality.

For that reason, I have launched a Congressional Exploratory Campaign, and I am writing to ask for your support.

A United America

The race in New Jersey's 5th Congressional District will be, in many ways, a bellwether for the rest of the country. By pitting a pro-business, pro-defense moderate Democrat against one of the most extreme Members of Congress, this race offers us a unique opportunity to bring about meaningful, lasting change.

Simply stated, Representative Scott Garrett, the incumbent, represents all that is wrong in Washington. He is too divisive. He is too extreme. And he is too disconnected from the real issues that affect real people.

His record -- including his recent vote against the emergency relief package for the victims of Hurricane Katrina -- underscores this point.

Because he is so extreme and so disconnected, Scott Garrett is also vulnerable.

The Aronson Congressional Exploratory Campaign

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