COBLENZ for **CONGRESS**

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To: Central Kentucky Media Outlets

I filed paperwork today to become a candidate for U.S. Congress in the Sixth District of Kentucky. I filed because I believe in democracy and I believe the people of the Sixth District should have a choice in candidates for Congress.

In fact I believe that the voters should have many choices, not just the arbitrary choice between a Democrats and a Republican, a choice that has become increasingly dismal and unpopular. America is about choice. Go to the grocery store and you have a mind-numbing choice of everything from cereal to ice cream and everything in between. When shopping for a car or a computer or a winter coat we have many options, many choices. It makes no sense that we don't have a similar range of options for the most important decision we ever make: how to run our government.

The nation faces many daunting problems, from dealing with international terrorism to addressing a changing economy. Unfortunately we have a hard time addressing these issues because our politics are so polarized. Both parties seem more interested in scoring political points than in seriously addressing important issues.

I believe that we will only solve our nation's problems if we break out of the Democrat versus Republican death match, and we will only do that if we have more voices in politics and more choices on the ballot.

I also believe that more choices will mean more public interest in politics. Far too many people say that elections are simply a choice between the lesser of two evils. If we give voters more choices perhaps the public will be more engaged, and we won't have a Governor chosen by less than a third of the state's voters.

The main focus of my campaign will be on reforming our system of elections to allow more candidates to run for office. My main goal is to broaden and revive American democracy. We need to change the system to give third parties an equal chance at the ballot box. I have a number of specific proposals to make this happen, which I discuss on my website www.coblenzforcongress.com. (I also discuss many other issues on the website.) I will discuss my main theme of reinvigorating American democracy, and my specific proposals, over the coming weeks and months in my campaign.

If you have any questions about my campaign feel free to contact me by phone or text at 859-321-6206, or by e-mail at mike.coblenz@gmail.com.

Thank You,

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