

FROM THE OFFICE OF
BARTLETT FOR ND SENATE

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Dear Bartlett for Senate Friends and Supporters,

We lost the election, 30.95% to 69.05%. Our opposition is the Senate Minority Leader, who has been in for about 25 years, and grew up here. We live in a farming intense district that has become addicted to public money. And, as with the rest of the country, individual liberties, free-markets, and limited government have become like a foreign language to the majority.

This is not a new situation, as we learned from Rome:

“People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance...The more laws, the less justice.” Cicero, Rome (106-34BC)

Thinking back on the last nine months of campaigning, our family observed that we were 100% diligent with every aspect of the campaign, and 100% faithful to conservative, constitutional and Biblical values. As noted in our second flyer, “The senate race in ND District 6 will measure how many people will support socialism and how many people want the state government to leave them and their money alone.” Beyond that it was also like a worldview test of our district.

The PEERS worldview test (<http://www.nehemiahinstitute.com/peers.php>), asks questions about politics, economics, education, religion, and social issues, and reports a person’s worldview as either: Socialism, Secular Humanism, Moderate Christian, or Biblical Theist. In that light and parallel, District 6 scored 30.95%, which is just over the line into a moderate Christian worldview, but very close to a secular humanist worldview. That is a good baseline, but with lots of room for improvement.

Our boys were reflecting on the campaign and said they are ready to do it again or campaign on specific issues, and or write and circulate conservative news such as (USA Tomorrow, <http://www.usatomorrow.us/subscription/>). The influence of the local and national news media is significantly liberal and therefore it is essential for people to read alternative news for increasing the number of conservatives in the District. I am currently sketching out a strategic plan, which will build on this campaign progress toward further and continuously influencing District 6 with conservative values. There is much that can be done through media, education, churches, and political action, beyond running for office. Our Biblical Concourse (<http://www.biblicalconcourse.com/>) and home education (<http://www.ndhsa.org/>) efforts will continue to bring their respective influences.

Our favorite online news sources are:

(<http://www.newswithviews.com/>, <http://www.worldnetdaily.com/>,
<http://www.infowars.com/>, <http://www.radioliberty.com/>, <http://www.gunowners.org/>).

Anyone who reads these sources and notices the original documents for a year will not vote for a liberal candidate next time.

Since the beginning, at every parade, event and door, we purposely and consistently handed out a variety of sequenced flyers plus had DVDs to help educate people in our district, which added value to the basics of getting name recognition.

During the last week of the campaign, we spoke at the Bottineau Farmer's Union meeting, had a nice time with the D6 Republicans and campaigning at Big Mike's in Maxbass, attended the Food Pantry Fund Raiser and pork dinner at United Parish. On Monday, we drove the district to pick up signs and attend an award's banquet for Bottineau County farmers.

We were very thankful that we had good weather through election day! It would have been a challenge picking up signs with it snowing horizontally, like today, not to mention the big hole in the floor of the truck that is a bit breezy in cold weather.

Now that the snow has come, the garden harvest and canning is done, the animals have a barn, and the campaign is over, we can get back to school books, housework, and continue on with playing gospel bluegrass music and looking for the next opportunity to stir up conservative and Biblical thinking.

Finally and most importantly, I want to wholeheartedly thank all of you for your financial, physical, moral, and prayer support during the campaign. It was a great blessing to get to know so many people in our district and find that we have 1,947 (30.95%) friends in the District. This is especially great in light of the fact that we moved here only four years ago and literally knew no one. We only knew that this was where God had led us.

And so we end this campaign with very thankful hearts, and a sense that this is not the end but the beginning of further influencing District 6 and North Dakota with conservative truth and values.

*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1
Thessalonians 5:18*

Thanks again very much and sincerely,

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