

Bill Sargent for Congress

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Bill Sargent Willing to take on Republican Leadership

Galveston, TX: Today, in officially announcing his run for the U.S. Congress, Bill Sargent said the blame for the liberal policies in Washington goes beyond President Obama, Harry Reid, and Nancy Pelosi. "The Republican leadership in the House is also to blame," Sargent contended. "They have been focusing too much on polling data and news media reports while failing to do what we, the people, sent them to Washington to accomplish. It seems more and more that we send people to Washington who become politicians, when what is needed are statesmen who will live up to the promises they make in their campaigns!" he concluded. "If necessary, I am willing to confront the leadership of my own party," he said.

But Sargent noted that being combative and hostile toward others is not the answer either. "Do we need to stick to our guns? Absolutely. We need to decide what is right and let the chips fall where they may, but that can be done respectfully! I'm not willing to compromise my principles, but I am willing to look for common ground where progress can be made," he said.

Sargent is the only candidate in the CD-14 race with any Congressional legislative experience. He is a former staffer of Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) and worked for over eighteen years handling international trade legislation for the U.S. Department of Commerce. In his words, "I am the only candidate in this race who has ever had to deal with Nancy Pelosi one on one, and it was not a pleasant experience!"

Sargent also talked about the need for a viable energy policy. "We need a policy that allows drilling in the Gulf, the development of our oil and gas resources, and that facilitates getting these resources to the refineries, particularly the refineries located on the Gulf Coast. We should be drilling now, drilling here, and creating jobs! We should be clearing the way for the construction of the XL pipeline and the jobs it will bring." Sargent contended that having a viable energy policy is not just dealing with the price we pay at the pump, but it is part of our national economic security.

Sargent is a "principled conservative," one who was brought up in the Goldwater and Reagan era. He talks about not giving up his integrity for short-term gain. "It's just not worth it," he says. "If you ever cross over the line of integrity, there is no going back. You'll never be trusted again. I'm not going to step over that line!" he concluded.

Sargent launched the official announcement of his campaign on his Website with a four-minute video which can be found at www.BillSargent4Congress.com.

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The announcement is embargoed until Wednesday, February 29th

The video announcement will be launched at 5 p.m. but members of the press may view it at www.BillSargent4Congress.com/advanceannouncement.html