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## **8. What other information would you like us to consider?**

I'm running for Congress because these are tough times, and the decisions we make over the next few years will be some of the most important decisions we make in our lifetime. We need a strong representative in Washington, D.C. to help us make those decisions, and we don't have that today. That's unacceptable and it needs to change.

When presented with a choice to invest in America and Washington State again, Congressman Reichert said no. It was the wrong thing to do for the country, and wrong for our area -- he said no to investing in transportation, no to extending unemployment benefits and providing health insurance to Washington workers. He said no to investing in Washington schools and no to new clean energy development in Washington. It's clearer than ever that Congressman Reichert lacks new ideas and needs to go.

I understand the stakes for our families. When I graduated from college, I moved into a small house, and my parents, who had been struggling, ended up moving in with me. When my father walked through that door, he definitely had the look of a person who had lost hope. I see that look more and more today as people struggle and lose hope.

We need to invest in our state, in our workers, and in our education system to create opportunities again. Opportunities aren't handouts; they are chances for everyone to make a decent living so that they can look forward to a bright future.

I've created jobs throughout my life. I've worked with others to take raw ideas and turn them into businesses - businesses that have created jobs and helped people build lives and raise families. Knowing how to manage small businesses, large businesses, and what it takes for families to get back on their feet is critically important as we try to develop solutions to the problems with the economy today.

No one person or party has a monopoly on great ideas. Great ideas come from all of us sitting together, talking, and understanding the issues and problems that we see, then coming up with solutions. I'm going to spend my time listening to the voters of the 8<sup>th</sup> district and getting their feedback because that will help us find strong solutions to our problems.

Signed on 6/14/2010

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