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Thank you.

New Hampshire is, itself, the very state of democracy—the state of town halls, of face-to-face primaries, of our great House of Representatives. People like Franklin Pierce, whose statue this is, and a million other great men and women, created for the people of this Granite State a beautiful way of human freedom.

Our great Republic, in this state and elsewhere in this nation, rests upon the idea that we shall elect people to represent us, and they shall sit in councils to speak for us, to express our native common sense, to serve our needs, and to stand for our ethical values.

It is a wildly imperfect invention, but it has worked. It has worked until quite recently. There has been a breakdown in this human machinery, and I would not presently be walking across New Hampshire except for the fact that this breakdown forces us to walk—all of us who ~~would~~ care for democracy.

Money now talks and the people walk. I walk for them, and I walk with them.

What has happened is that campaigns got too expensive, due mostly to the cost of television advertising, though the broadcasters operate over public airwaves and pay us nothing for it. As campaigns have become more expensive, it became more tempting for candidates to appeal to special interest contributors from major industries, rather than to raise the funds they need from real people, twenty-dollars at a time.

And over the space of just one generation, our Washington representatives have become lost to us. We the people now have no one to speak for us, to express our native common sense, to serve our needs, and to stand for our ethical values.

My realization that I no longer had a representative in this republic, at least in the U.S. Senate, came as a hard lesson to me a few years ago, and my teacher was Judd Gregg. Money talked, and I walked. I walked against the fundamental corruption of the system. I am still walking against it. But you are now walking with me, and we have a chance to do something important. We have a chance to repair the breakdown. If this campaign can win, then other campaigns across America can be inspired to run on ideas and not money, on volunteers and not black-tie fundraisers, and on popular spirit instead of the corrupting cash of the special-interests.

If we win, it will mean that the people can be self-governing again, and that the lobbyists, the paid-off politicians, and all those who care nothing if we have good jobs this side of the ocean, who care nothing that we have clean air and water for ourselves and our grandchildren, and who care nothing that our families and businesses are drowning in health care costs and debt—all of these rapacious forces that have taken over our lives and bought our representatives out from under us, why, then they can be the ones to take a walk, and we can say good riddance.

But for now, we walk and we do so proudly. Let's walk every corner of this state over the next ⁶ weeks until we have enough of us to make ⁿ a change in our lives and put a great repair to this precious democracy that has been entrusted to our care by Mr. Pierce here, ^{and} ~~had~~ so many other heroes and friends.

We are going to take a walk now and begin
the general election phase of this campaign.
Please come with me a few blocks if you
will.

And thank you very much.