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Thank you.

My name is Doris Haddock and I am a candidate for the U.S. Senate from New Hampshire.

While I am excited by the coming adventure of the campaign, I will tell you that I would be happier if there were a large group of younger community leaders willing to take on the battle against the goliath that any incumbent indeed is on today's too-costly political battlefield.

While I am happy to step forward in the absence of other longtime Democrats, I certainly do not do so as a sacrificial lamb. I am running to win.

For those who may be concerned about my age, let me say that I have outlived most of the things that can kill me, and am good for another election or two. Nevertheless, I make my pledge right now to stick to one term. For those who may doubt my capacity to serve, let me assure them that, while I may struggle for the right word from time to time, I can yet string my words together somewhat better than even our current President. And, while I need glasses for some reading, I can see clearly the difference between a necessary war and an unnecessary war, and the difference between a balanced budget and a deficit. Most importantly, I can read the Constitution and its Bill of Rights very easily and clearly, and, when elected, I will do what so many others in today's Washington have not had the decency to do, and that is to abide by their oath to defend it.

No, I am not confused. I am not imagining that I am running against Mr. Bush. I am running against a good man in the Senate who has allowed himself

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to become an enabler of the neo-con scourge now afflicting our nation and the world.

Most New Hampshire citizens have a fairly good opinion of Mr. Gregg, though they are not happy that he did not summon the courage or leadership to help prevent a massive loss of life, a massive loss of American honor and prestige, a massive loss of our tax dollars to the wealthiest of the wealthy, and a massive loss of future resources for our children. As if he were a troubled brother-in-law, we like the fellow but shake our heads at what he has done while presuming to serve our family.

How might I, in the U.S. Senate, serve New Hampshire--my birthplace and always my home?

We the people need a peace-loving government that protects us and our values by promoting peace and justice in the world. Terrorism is the twisted child of poverty and injustice, and we cannot buy our way or arm our way around that fact. We cannot support cruel dictators and expect otherwise. We must become energy independent so that we are free to pursue justice and not self-interest in the world's affairs. I will work for that. I applaud Mr. Gregg when he stands up for energy independence and for the environment, but I pledge to do more, and to move America toward responsible stewardship of our resources for our children's children, and for their children's children, which is the only true conservatism.

We the people need well-funded education for our children and the best health care for each other. School funding is a crisis not only in New Hampshire but in nearly every state. It can be much relieved if we can get back more of the federal tax dollars we pay. And if Mr. Gregg would not enable the neo-cons to transfer so many billions to the billionaires, we could do so. If Mr. Gregg would work for more justice instead of more bombs, again we could do so, and pay for all the health care we need. I will vote to bring the resources back to the people who need them, who in fact provide them by their hard work and sufficient federal tax payments.

The largest con of the 20th and 21st Centuries is the globalization of the workforce. If I need a new chair and my neighbor, the woodworker, needs work, what am I doing at Wal-Mart? Why is a chair coming across three oceans in an oil-belching freighter? We need to encourage the localization not globalization of the economy and thereby strengthen it and humanize it. Our political leaders have failed us monstrously in this matter, as more and more of our jobs, and more and more of our middle class, has been sold down the ocean. Mr. Gregg, though he is a fine looking man and a good New Hampshireite, should be ashamed of his role in this ongoing destruction of America's economic base, a loss to every family.

Look at our beautiful state: its waters, its air, its great forests and mountains, and, oh, its people! We do not need much to live well here. We need to be left alone in matters where our freedom overrules government meddling. We need to join together in matters where joint action can create great resources for our children and each other. We of this Granite State are blessed with common sense and a high sense of community. I should be most honored to represent these things of ours in Washington, and let them see what flint we are made of when they try to take away our peace, our justice and our common treasure.

But it is not enough to elect our representatives so that they might stop bad things from happening. They must have a vision for the future of their

people. That should be what every campaign is about. It shall certainly be so with mine.

Thank you.

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