

# Messer Announces Campaign

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Greensburg — On Tuesday, former State Representative Luke Messer announced a run for U.S. Congress in Indiana's newly redistricted 6th District - a position currently held by Congressman Mike Pence.

With Mike Pence's recent announcement that he will seek the Republican nomination for Indiana Governor, the district becomes an open seat in 2012.

"Mike Pence is a great friend, and I believe he will make a great Governor," Messer explained. "Mike will be a tough act to follow in Congress, but we will work hard over the next year to earn the opportunity. Like Mike, I will stand up for the U.S. Constitution, conservative limited government principles and a return to fiscal sanity in our federal government."

This spring, the Indiana General Assembly redrew Congressional boundaries. The new 6th District now covers most of East Central and Southeast Indiana, including Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Henry, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Randolph, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Switzerland, Union and Wayne counties.

"This area is my home, and my roots to this district date back almost 40 years," Messer continued. "I grew up here. My wife and I are raising our family here. I worked for the voters in this district as a Congressional staffer and as a Member of the Indiana General Assembly. It would be an honor to serve this area as a Member of Congress."

Messer served in the Indiana General Assembly from 2003-2006, representing Shelby and Bartholomew counties. During that time, Luke helped Governor Mitch Daniels craft the state's first honestly balanced budget in eight years - without a tax increase. As state house representative, Luke earned a 100% rating from Indiana Right to Life, an "A" rating from the NRA, and was endorsed by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, among many others.

"Over the coming weeks and months, we'll travel the district meeting old friends and new, working to earn this opportunity to serve," Messer concluded. "We will build upon our grassroots team and work to earn the support of voters, activists, elected officials, and Party leaders. Together, we can continue the legacy of strong, conservative leadership for the 6th Congressional District and Hoosiers all across our state."

## **About Luke Messer**

Luke Messer, 42, is the current Executive Director of Hoosiers for Economic Growth and served in the Indiana General Assembly from 2003-2006. During his tenure in the legislature, Messer earned a 100% rating from Indiana Right to Life, an "A" rating from the NRA, and was best known for authoring nationally recognized high school drop-out reform legislation. Messer is also a former Executive Director of the Indiana Republican Party, serving from 2001-2005.

In 2010, Luke Messer came within 2 percentage points of defeating a 28-year incumbent Congressman in a seven-way primary for Indiana's 5th Congressional District. Redistricting has drawn Messer's home back into the 6th Congressional District. Luke grew up in Greensburg, and he and his wife Jennifer are raising their two daughters and a son in Shelbyville. Luke also served as an elder at his church and is the author a children's book about Indiana entitled Hoosier Heart. To learn more about Luke Messer's campaign, log on to [www.lukemesser.com](http://www.lukemesser.com).