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MESSER FILES TO RUN IN 6th DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
*Former State Representative Files Declaration of Candidacy for 6th District Congressional District
on First Filing Day*

(Indianapolis, IN) – Republican Luke Messer filed paperwork today declaring his candidacy for Congress in Indiana’s 6th District. The seat, currently held by Congressman Mike Pence, is an open seat as Congressman Pence seeks the Republican nomination for Indiana Governor.

Messer, who began his campaign in May, has established a strong advantage from the start, raising over \$400,000 and receiving key endorsements throughout the district. Messer has released endorsements in Shelby, Hancock and Wayne counties and plans to release many more in the coming weeks.

“This area is my home, and my roots to this district date back almost 40 years,” Messer said. “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 a state 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 past six months, we have campaigned throughout the district spending time with old friends and meeting new ones" Messer continued. "Voters in our district are tired of President Obama's failed liberal policies, and are looking for conservative leaders who understand what it takes to create jobs and put America back to work. That effort starts with balancing the budget, repealing Obamacare and passing major tax reform."

“We see this race as an opportunity to earn the chance to serve. We are working hard to earn the opportunity to preserve and build upon the conservative principles that are essential to this great Country. In the coming weeks, we will work with voters, activists, elected officials, and Party leaders to make sure that Indiana's 6th District continues its legacy of strong, conservative leadership.



About Luke Messer

Luke Messer, 42, is the President and CEO of the Hoosiers for Economic Growth Network 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.

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.