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MESSER RAISES OVER \$415,000 IN 2011

6th District Congressional Candidate Reports over \$290,000 Cash On Hand at Year-End

(Shelbyville, IN)—Today, Republican Luke Messer’s campaign for Indiana’s 6th Congressional District filed its year end Federal Election Commission finance report announcing that Messer raised more than \$415,000 for the year to date including \$94,291 in the most recent quarter.

"Over the past ten months, we’ve been working to build a grassroots campaign with the financial strength necessary to win," said Messer. "Today, we took another big step toward that goal. From Muncie to Madison, Hoosier Republicans are joining our campaign to send the next generation of conservative leadership to Washington."

To date, Messer has raised a total of \$415,440 and reported having \$290,405 cash on hand. From the start, Messer has consistently outraised the other candidates seeking to replace Congressman Mike Pence. In the fourth quarter alone, Messer raised three times the amount raised by his closest fundraising competitor.

Candidate*	4th Quarter Contributions	Cash-on-Hand	Total 2011 Contributions
Luke Messer	\$94,291	\$290,405	\$415,440
Travis Hankins	\$27,012	\$68,051	\$161,364
Don Bates	\$30,440	\$27,830	\$104,306

*Chart includes candidates who have filed as candidates with the Indiana Secretary of State’s Office and the Federal Election Commission. Numbers taken from FEC Year-End Finance Reports.

“We are in great position to win this race, but we must keep building momentum as we enter the final 90 days,” continued Messer. “It will take a team effort to get this done, and that is happening all across the 6th District. People are tired of business as usual in Washington and are looking for leaders with a record of delivering positive results. They want real leadership, a focus on jobs and the economy - and reform.”

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.