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PREPARED TEXT

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE MY MANY FRIENDS IN ALBANY. IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH SOME OF THE HARDEST-WORKING REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN THE STATE.

YOUR MANY EFFORTS, YOUR DILIGENCE AND HARD WORK, AND YOUR SACRIFICE OF TIME FOR OUR CAUSE WERE NOTED TIME AND AGAIN THIS YEAR. YOUR WORK CONTINUES TO BE TREMENDOUSLY APPRECIATED BY THE GOVERNOR.

OBVIOUSLY, HE IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE ELECTION RESULTS. IT IS BECAUSE OF EFFORTS LIKE YOURS THAT HE EARNED THE BIGGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY IN A GOVERNOR'S RACE IN OVER TWENTY YEARS. BECAUSE OF YOU AND DEDICATED WORKERS LIKE YOU, WE WERE ABLE TO GET OUR MESSAGE OUT; WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE THE MONEY WE NEEDED; AND WE WERE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO EVERY VOTER IN OREGON THE TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND HIS ELECTION OPPONENT.

GETTING THAT MESSAGE OUT WAS CRITICAL, AND ALL OF YOU HELPED MAKE IT HAPPEN.

IN FACT, THE GOVERNOR'S RACE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE REASON THIS GROUP EXISTS: TO HELP CANDIDATES. SEEING THAT GOOD REPUBLICANS ARE ELECTED TO OFFICE THROUGHOUT OREGON IS YOUR CHARTER AND YOUR MISSION.

IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER YOUR MISSION THAN RIGHT NOW, AS WE MOVE INTO AN OFF-ELECTION YEAR.

IN THE NATURAL SLOWDOWN THAT FOLLOWS A MAJOR CAMPAIGN, IT IS EASY TO BECOME RELAXED AND TO LOSE SIGHT, MOMENTARILY, OF PURPOSE.

YET, IF WE FORGET OUR INTENTIONS IN OFF-ELECTION YEARS, IT WILL TAKE US JUST THAT MUCH LONGER TO RECAPTURE THE MOMENTUM WE HAVE GAINED. IT WILL TAKE LONGER FOR US TO RECOUP.

Now IS THE TIME TO BEGIN BUILDING FOR THE NEXT ELECTION.

Now IS THE TIME TO RECRUIT GOOD REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES WHEREVER WE CAN.

Now IS THE TIME TO GIVE OUR CANDIDATES EXPOSURE, TO GET THEM OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, TO GIVE THEM SPEAKING EXPERIENCE, AND TO ALLOW THEM TO MEET AS MANY PEOPLE AS THEY CAN.

A SOLID INVESTMENT OF TIME AND ENERGY NOW WILL REAP US MANY DIVIDENDS IN THE NEXT ELECTION. THE GOOD EFFORT WE MAKE -- WILL NOT ONLY HELP REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES HERE IN ALBANY, BUT WILL HELP OTHER REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AROUND THE STATE.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ITEMS THAT NEED ATTENTION IN THIS CRITICAL PERIOD -- ITEMS THAT ARE EASY TO OVERLOOK.

FILES, FOR EXAMPLE. THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN THE PRESENT TO PUT YOUR CAMPAIGN FILES IN WORKING ORDER, AND IN PLACE -- READY FOR THE NEXT ELECTION PUSH. MANY OF YOU HAVE FRESH KNOWLEDGE RIGHT NOW OF THE "INS AND OUTS" OF YOUR OWN FILING SYSTEM. YOUR KNOWLEDGE MIGHT BE LOST AS TIME GOES ON. OFF-ELECTION YEARS ARE THE BEST TIME YOU WILL HAVE TO SIMPLIFY, TO PURGE, TO UPDATE, AND TO MAKE THOSE FILES ACCESSIBLE AND "READY TO GO" FOR EVERYONE.

ANOTHER AREA TO THINK ABOUT IS OUR CONTINUING NEED FOR NEW PEOPLE AMONG OUR REPUBLICAN WOMEN. WE MUST THINK OF WAYS TO BRING MORE PEOPLE IN, AND BRING MORE PEOPLE UP THROUGH THE RANKS. FRESH BLOOD MEANS FRESH ENERGY AND FRESH IDEAS -- THESE ARE ALL CRITICAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR PARTY IN POLITICS AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST ALWAYS LET OUR PEOPLE KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THEIR WORK AND THEIR TALENT. EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM IS A PROVEN SOURCE OF HARD WORK AND GOOD IDEAS -- WE COULD NEVER MAKE IT WITHOUT YOU! BUT AS YOU PUT YOUR OWN TALENT TO WORK, ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE.

AND TALK TO PEOPLE. USE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS WISELY. I THINK YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED TO LEARN HOW MANY "HIDDEN" TALENTS EXIST IN PEOPLE YOU ARE USED TO WORKING WITH ONLY IN ONE AREA. HUMAN BEINGS ARE WONDERFUL, COMPLICATED, MULTI-FACETED CREATURES. DON'T EVER UNDERESTIMATE THEM! THERE'S ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY I WON'T MENTION THAT SPENDS MOST OF ITS TIME "KNOWING IT ALL." REPUBLICANS BELIEVE DEEPLY IN THE ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO SOLVE HIS OR HER OWN PROBLEMS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT HAVING TO STEP IN. THAT'S A PHILOSOPHY WE CAN PUT INTO PRACTICE EVERY DAY.

IT WILL TAKE YOUR COMMITMENT, AND YOUR ONGOING SKILLS TO KEEP PEOPLE INTERESTED. AND IT WILL TAKE YOUR KEEN INSIGHT TO MAKE SURE THE CANDIDATES YOU RECRUIT ARE FIRM IN THEIR PHILOSOPHY OF REPUBLICANISM.

AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR RECRUITMENT OF GOOD QUALIFIED CANDIDATES IS A TASK THAT CAN'T WAIT UNTIL FILING DAY. IT IS A JOB WE NEED TO BE ACTIVELY DOING ALL THE TIME.

LOOK AT YOUR OWN TRAINING GROUNDS FOR GOOD PEOPLE. COMB THE PTA, YOUTH GROUPS, AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS. TALK WITH THAT "INTERESTED CITIZEN" WHO LIVES DOWN THE BLOCK. LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED. IT IS UP TO REPUBLICAN WOMEN AS WELL AS REPUBLICAN MEN TO TAKE THE TIME, AND MAKE THE SACRIFICES THAT MUST BE MADE TO GET THE JOB DONE.

THE BEST WAY OF SHOWING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNOR IS TO SEND GOOD REPUBLICANS TO SALEM. THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY DEMOCRAT LEGISLATORS CONTROLLING THE PRIORITIES OF OUR STATE. THAT INCLUDES DEMOCRAT LEGISLATORS ELECTED RIGHT HERE IN ALBANY.

I KNOW THAT IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER -- AND START WORK RIGHT AWAY -- THEN NOTHING WILL PREVENT US FROM REACHING OUR GOALS.

AND I KNOW THAT, HERE IN THIS ROOM, ARE PROVEN, DEDICATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN WHO WILL SEE TO IT THAT WE DO GET THE JOB DONE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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