

Constituents and Friends:

I want to share with you the letter I sent to the precinct committee men and women in January. I am honored to be representing the people of the 25th District. Things are quite busy in Topeka and I am working hard. Feel free to contact me.

Dear Precinct Committee Chairs,

The 25th Kansas Congressional District has had outstanding leadership from our current Representative, Terrie Huntington, and it is exciting and reassuring that she is succeeding Senator Wysong as he retires from office. With a vacancy in this House of Representatives seat, I am pleased to announce my candidacy for this office. The unexpected change in our Republican leadership requires us to move quickly to fill her spot with another outstanding public servant. I would like to be that person, and it is important that you, as a Precinct Leader, know who I am and why I should represent the 25th House District.

Family and friends describe me as passionate, trustworthy, generous, dedicated, reliable, and having great integrity. I have always been a person who wants to make a difference, and as you'll read in my attached biography, have found many diverse ways to reach that goal. My Republican parents instilled in me a strong value system that has guided me through my life. I still remember the pride I felt when I turned eighteen and registered as a Republican, and I value the privilege to vote by consistently and conscientiously exercising that right. My interest in government and the political system began when I served on the Shawnee Mission East Area Advisory Board during my senior year in high school. The decision to become a physician, wife, and mother certainly influenced how I have spent my time as an adult, and I have been patiently waiting and watching for the right time to become a public servant at some level in our government. I believe that an elected official needs to have both the passion and the time to serve, and I absolutely have both.

My motivation to seek this office is based on my commitment to moderate values and my belief that I have much to contribute to the 25th District and to Kansas. Our nation and our state are struggling in this difficult economic time. To keep Kansas fiscally sound, I believe we must work hard to stabilize our current job opportunities and find ways to create new jobs. Kansas is known for its outstanding public education and it is imperative to maintain excellence with adequate funding for our schools. One of the primary reasons we chose to live in Johnson County was the quality of public education. Recent budget cuts threaten that quality. I will fight to find ways to get money back to the classrooms to ensure the future we all desire for Kansas. My background as a physician and my work in bioethics will bring a significant level of expertise to issues involving health care. The impact of the cost of health care on our state's economy is enormous, and we must move forward to

find ways to control those costs while maintaining the quality of our health care.

The opportunity to serve the residents of my district in the capacity of State Representative is both exciting and humbling. I recognize the tremendous responsibility this would be, but also know that I am a very capable and hard-working woman. I greatly appreciate the excellent work now-Senator Huntington has done as our Representative and intend to emulate her communication efforts along with her voting record. Our Kansas legislature needs elected officials who are actively engaged, willing to listen, and striving to work together to make Kansas the best it can be. I fit that description. I understand the need to carefully evaluate and choose whichever candidate will best serve our district. I am available to answer questions and to help in any way you need to facilitate this process. I have enclosed my contact information.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bollier