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In 2008, I sought both the Democratic and Libertarian nominations for the Presidency. After years away from electoral politics, I felt energized once more to seek the people's support in the political process. It is also with this in mind that I've sought to promote the idea of a National Initiative. Through valid Constitutional means we can re-establish the principles of a republic and the most cherished aspects of our democracy.

I had the great pleasure in 2008 of working alongside a new generation of Americans, those seeking to take back their country. Their tireless spirit and use of new technologies is unlike anything seen in times past. I met Eric Sundwall in Schenectady, NY on April 1, 2008, for a taping of his show, *Capital Outsider*. Eric and I discussed many issues, and he later became the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of NY. His evenhanded leadership with the NY delegation was evident at both the state and national Libertarian Conventions.

I promised Eric that day in Schenectady that I would support Libertarian candidates in the future, and with that he finds himself a unique opportunity. The recently appointed Senator from NY has left her former House seat open for a special election. Eric ran for that seat in 2006, and this current election provides a vital opportunity for his voice to be heard. I support Eric Sundwall in this effort.

This is a unique chance for the entire country to focus on a single political contest and bring to light many of the issues and ideas that typically receive little media coverage. I know Eric will bring these ideals to the forefront of his campaign for Congress. So too will he build bridges and mend political fences to all those Americans who feel their leaders have failed them. Please help Eric in this exceptional opportunity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Gravel" followed by "USS" in a smaller, less legible script.

Mike Gravel
United States Senator
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