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I am honored, and actually excited, being able to endorse a candidate of Paul Richmond's integrity, commitment, and proven effectiveness.

In the ten years I've doing grassroots organizing around social justice issues, Paul has been a powerful presence and reliable resource for us here in Seattle. When we organized the Freedom From Fear demonstration last September, Paul was there—flawlessly negotiating with the city and the police, making sure we safely achieved our goals. Last December, when Real Change Organizing Project began protesting the City's abuse of homeless campers, Paul was there—winning us the unlikely permit for our all-night demonstrations at City Hall, right under the Mayor's window.

Hardly a year has passed since 1977 that I haven't had a position on some governing board or commission. From my time with United Cerebral Palsy of King and Snohomish Counties, to the Pike Place Market Historical Commission, and my current board position at Nine-One-One/Seattle Media Arts Center, I have known no one more uniquely qualified to serve in the US Congress. I really hope the voters in the 6th district will seize this golden opportunity to elect someone who can and will fight for them.

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