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Dan Seals Calls for Gas Price Investigation

Wilmette, IL – With average gas prices rising to \$3 per gallon in the Chicago area this weekend (CNN, 4/23/06), Democratic congressional candidate Dan Seals issued a call for a federal investigation of potential price gouging by the oil and gas industries.

“American consumers need to know whether the exorbitant prices we’re seeing at the gas pumps are inflated by dishonest profiteers seeking to take advantage of an opportunity,” Seals said. “We’re hearing from families who are having to make decisions about whether to fill their gas tank or pay their bills.”

“Let’s look out for the interests of the consumers and businesses who are taking the hit -- not the oil companies who are reporting the record profits. It’s time for our leadership in Washington to change their priorities and face up to this growing energy crisis,” he continued.

Seals’ Republican opponent in the 10th District race, Congressman Mark Kirk, voted against two bills last year that proposed a crackdown on oil company and gas industry price gouging (HR3402 9/28/2005 Vote# 500, HR3893 10/7/2005 Vote# 517). The measures would have provided the Federal Trade Commission with the authority to investigate and prosecute those that engage in this “predatory pricing,” with targets ranging from oil companies to local gas stations.

Once reliably Republican, the 10th District has voted increasingly Democratic since 1992. George W. Bush lost by four percentage points in 2000 and by six points in 2004. Democrats also dominate state and local offices.

About Dan Seals

Dan lives in Wilmette with his wife, Mia, and two young daughters. Born in Chicago, Dan received a Master’s in public policy from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Dan served as a Presidential Management Fellow during the Clinton Administration in both the Department of Commerce and Sen. Joseph Lieberman’s office. He went on to earn his MBA from the University of Chicago and is on leave from his position as Director of Marketing at GE Commercial Finance, as he campaigns full-time.

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