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Motsinger Denounces Mourdock's “Rape” Comments, Calls on Opponent to do the Same

(Winston-Salem, NC) Elisabeth Motsinger, 5th District candidate for US Congress, issued the following statement today, after U.S. Senate candidate Richard Mourdock's recent statement concerning pregnancies from rape. Mourdock stated he opposed aborting pregnancies conceived in rape because “it is something that God intended to happen.”

Motsinger, a physician assistant and mother of three children, says, “We respect different faith traditions, and there is no faith tradition that supports or in any way justifies the rape of women. We find this comment to be very offensive, and dismissive of the real tragedy of rape.”

Motsinger challenged her opponent to join her in denouncing the statement: “Given that my opponent, Virginia Foxx, has cosponsored legislation like H.R. 3, which re-defined rape to only “forcible rape” and voted to limit a woman’s access to contraception (H.R. 1216), she should now join me in standing up against such troubling and misguided comments.”

Mrs. Foxx cosponsored H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, introduced in January 2011. This bill only allowed termination of only pregnancies arising from “forcible rape,” an ambiguous term which isn’t defined in the criminal code. This bill put

more restrictions on what could be considered rape.

Motsinger has been active in her church for over 25 years, having preached and served in a number of capacities there. Motsinger won the Democratic Primary in May with 70 percent of the vote, and faces Virginia Foxx in the November election. Motsinger was elected to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education in 2006. In 2010, she was re-elected to an at-large seat, and was the only Democratic incumbent running county-wide in Forsyth to be re-elected. A physician assistant, Motsinger is completing her Master of Arts in Bioethics at Wake Forest University. For information about Motsinger, please visit: <http://www.nc5th.us>.

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