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## **MOTSINGER TO SPEAK AT WAR ON WOMEN RALLY**

Elisabeth Motsinger, Democratic candidate for Congressional Representative in North Carolina's 5<sup>th</sup> District, will be a featured speaker at the North Carolina Unite Against the War on Women Rally on Saturday in Raleigh.

Scheduled for 1 p.m. at Halifax Mall near the state legislative building, the rally is one of 54 events planned nationwide on Saturday to protest recent attacks on women's rights, and issues such as affordable health care, pay equality, reproductive rights and workers' rights.

Motsinger will address the connection between the war on women and the war on the environment. "Both people and the natural world have been reduced to objects," she said. "It is not reasonable to treat women as things, or to exploit the natural world as if it had no inherent worth. How are these related?"

Also speaking at the rally are representatives of the state AFL-CIO, the North Carolina Association of Educators, Equality North Carolina, the NAACP, Planned Parenthood and NC Women United. The event will include musical performances. Rally participants

also will voice opposition to the proposed Amendment One, which would harm children, seniors, families, and unmarried victims of domestic violence.

“Women are not children or the property of men or the government, and we do not need Congress, state legislators or local officials mandating what is or is not in our own best interests,” said Terri Barmore, Coordinator for North Carolina Unite Against the War on Women. “We are going to rally in Raleigh to tell lawmakers across North Carolina and in Washington, D.C., end the war on women or we will vote you out of office.”

For more information about the rally, please visit: <http://www.wearewomenmarch.net/groups/north-carolina-we-are-women-march>.

Motsinger said she embraces the War on Women movement in part because of its rallying cry, “One voice, unity, dignity and justice for all.” Her platform includes:

- Strengthening education by protecting Pre-K-12 funding, maintaining federal financial aid programs, and reassessing No Child Left Behind to ensure all students access to quality education;
- Protecting Medicare, Medicaid, and Disability, blocking amendments to the Affordable Healthcare Act that would limit access to healthcare;
- Promoting equal economic opportunity through rewarding companies who offer employees a living wage, encouraging small business development and growth, and cutting corporate welfare;
- Creating opportunities for sustainable energy sources, and protecting our land, water and air;
- Protecting the basic liberties of all Americans and demonstrating the inherent worth of humanity by protecting human rights.

Elisabeth Motsinger is a physician’s assistant who has served on the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School Board since 2006. In 2010 she was re-elected to the school board, and was the only Democratic incumbent running county-wide in Forsyth to be re-elected, other than in nonpartisan judicial races. A well-known political activist, she 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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