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ELISABETH MOTSINGER FILES FOR NC 5TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

RALEIGH, NC - Elisabeth Motsinger, 54, of Walkertown, filed today with the North Carolina State Board of Elections in Raleigh to run as a Democrat for the 5th District Congressional seat currently held by Republican Virginia Foxx of Watauga County.

"I chose to file on Valentine's Day, " Motsinger said, "I love North Carolina and I love this country. As we face our current economic and political challenges, we should return to the values that made this nation great."

Motsinger, a well known political activist, has served on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education since 2006. She is a physician assistant at the Salem Center in Winston-Salem and is in the final stages of completing a Master of Arts in Bioethics at Wake Forest University.

Motsinger grew up in Shrub Oak, New York and came to Forsyth County in 1984 with her late husband, Gary Sykes, and two children, Christian and Lysandra. After her first husband's death, she used her Social Security survivor's benefits and student loans to enroll in and complete the Physician Assistant program of Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University. She married her current husband, John (who grew up on a farm in the Cherry Lane community of Alleghany County), in 1989. Her third child, John, Jr., was born in 1990.

Motsinger said she will continue to work part-time providing care to her patients and to serve on the school board during the campaign. "I'm not independently wealthy like many members of Congress. Like most people in this district, I have to work. When I go to Washington, it's to represent all the people, not big corporations and special interests. It's time for the people of the 5th District to have one of their own as their representative. My aim is to help restore real prosperity for real people. And it can be done if we work together."

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