

IT'S TIME FOR AN ENDORSEMENT

“Now that it is a sure thing that McCain will be the Republican nominee for President and that either Obama or Clinton will be the Democratic nominee,” said Dr. Steven Porter, independent candidate for Congress in the third district of Pennsylvania, “it is time for me to state for whom I will vote.

“The answer is none of them. Both major parties are bereft of morality and controlled in the extreme by special interests. McCain’s policy with respect to Iraq is lunacy, and both Obama and Clinton have been far less than forthcoming with the public. Rather, they have struck me as little more than petulant children obsessed with playground name-calling and far from profound in their thinking.

“I know that many out there have claimed that I am some kind of shill for Ralph Nader, and while I admire many of his positions, he does not have the experience for the job of President, and it is a job which certainly calls for experience both nationally and internationally. He is not my choice.

“There are two men, however, both quite prominent, both with tons of credentials, and both with enough integrity to overcome or at least deal with the corruption which has gripped the American democracy. They are Republican Senator Chuck Hagel and our former Vice President Al Gore. I would love to see that ticket—no matter who gets the major party nods. It is a ticket I would support enthusiastically. The reasons are clear. Both men have divorced themselves from the corruption and stagnation of the present system. Both are honorable men with great respect in Congress and internationally. They would represent a fusion of the political factions which continually war like children. I believe they would work for a better world and a better nation more effectively than any other duo on the scene.

“I would also love to see a person like Ralph Nader serving in their cabinet, perhaps as Secretary of Health and Human Services, since he has stood so strongly and so long for the rights of the common citizen against the abuses of the powerful.

“In fact, whether or not a Gore/Hagel ticket ever surfaces—barring some major event which would change the equation—those are the people for whom I *will* vote. And no, that will not be throwing my vote away. I repeat again that it is never wrong to support ‘good,’ and never right to support ‘evil’ even when it is labeled a ‘lesser’ evil. **The present system doesn’t work.** It is madness to continue to endorse it with our votes. We need something new, and I believe a Gore/Hagel ticket might just be a start.”