

RECESSION TALK

“Candidates are not supposed to sound like a broken record,” said Dr. Steven Porter, independent candidate for Congress in the third district of Pennsylvania, from his home today. “But I think we need a broken record to tell us over and over again not only that we are in a recession, but that both major parties have helped put us there and that neither major party will easily extricate us.

“www.opensecrets.org lists the top contributors to all the presidential candidates. On the top twenty list for all of them appear Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan Chase, Credit Suisse, Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, NY Life Insurance, and USB. FOR ALL OF THEM.

“The waste of money in Iraq, the scams of the mortgage and lending institutions, and the overloading of credit card debt which have contributed to the economic crunch have been presided over BY BOTH MAJOR PARTIES, and for good reason. The people who have benefited from these poor policies are huge contributors to the politicians in Washington.

“As more jobs are eroded through outsourcing and cutbacks, as more homes foreclose, as gas creeps ever closer to \$4.00 a gallon, as prices continue to rise, perhaps the pain felt by the American people will allow them to take a good look at the ownership of the system by special interests. Perhaps the pain will allow the American people to think a little outside of the box so that a few honest, un-owned independents like myself are elected to represent them.

“Wouldn’t it be refreshing to have representatives in Congress who actually worked primarily for the benefit of the people instead of primarily for the benefit of the special interests? Wouldn’t it be nice if someone other than the oil companies and Halliburton could benefit from the economy?

“Our democracy has been taken over by special interests. Our government has been bought off by them. It is time to recapture the integrity and promise of America. Hearing that message, even from a broken record, is infinitely more important than following the sexual misadventures of the Governor of New York.”