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LEGENDARY METROPOLITAN OPERA STAR ENDORSES PORTER

A statement released today by the Porter for Congress campaign confirmed the report that legendary New York Metropolitan Opera Soprano Patrice Munsel has publicly endorsed Dr. Steven Porter, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 3rd district of Pennsylvania, in his race against conservative incumbent Republican Phil English.

“Steve stands for everything I believe is necessary for our nation,” said Ms. Munsel. “I have felt for some time now that things are out of control in Washington. It frightens me. When I heard about Steve’s campaign and saw his positions on the issues,” she continued, “I felt that I had to lend my name to his efforts to change both the balance of power in Congress and the course of our country. His appeal to me was not just as a politician but as a person. I truly appreciated that.”

When asked about Munsel’s endorsement, Porter replied, “It took me completely by surprise. When one is supported by a politician or political organization or labor union, it is compliment enough. But to receive the endorsement of an artist of Ms. Munsel’s stature—someone who has no other reason to stand up for me other than her belief in me and what I espouse—means far more than the usual political endorsement,” Porter continued. “For a person like me who has spent his life in music and the musical theatre, to be supported by an artist whom I have looked up to since I first started to study, is deeply meaningful on a personal as well as a political level.”

For over three decades Patrice Munsel was the leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera. She also enjoyed enormous success in the musical theatre and still holds the Lincoln Center box-office record for her performance in Victor Herbert’s “Naughty Marietta.” In the 1950s the Met star had her own television show and was featured on the cover of Time Magazine for her work as an American musical artist and actress. Ms. Munsel remains active today, and in addition to pursuing her own work, devotes much of her time to helping aspiring young artists.

Dr. Porter’s positions on the key issues of this campaign are attached to this press release so that they can be disseminated to the public.