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Good Morning,

I'm C. J. Garbo. I currently serve the community as a police officer, as the Choral Music Director at my local church, and as the Vice-President of student government at Metro State, but I'm here today to talk about a different kind of service.

I was raised by a single mother. She taught me what it means to sacrifice and to be responsible, to live within my means and to work hard in all my pursuits. She taught me the importance of family and integrity and morality. And those lessons stuck with me my whole life.

As a child, I remember being inspired by the leadership of President Reagan. I remember watching him on TV, working hard to bring peace to the world after decades of the Cold War. Even though I was too young to understand the politics, I remember seeing a strong leader who sacrificed for his country and worked hard for the betterment of his people. I saw those same qualities in President Reagan that my mother instilled in me, so when I grew up, I knew that the Republican Party was where I wanted to serve.

And today, I am here to serve, because it is time for reason and responsibility to return to Colorado politics and I believe that new voices, new faces, and new minds are necessary to take back our state's government.

There are critical issues and challenges facing our city and our state. We need to lessen the tax and regulatory burdens on our citizens and businesses to encourage economic growth and job creation. We need to improve the quality and accountability of our public schools—too many of our young people, particularly Hispanics and other minorities, are failing, and dropping out before graduation.

We need to bring common sense, free market-friendly reforms to our health care system. We need to preserve and protect our environment in a responsible way, balancing the Republican conservation ethic with the pressing need for domestic energy production in a way that drives our local economy and creates good jobs for Colorado citizens.

And we need to recognize that when government grows too large and too intrusive, it stifles innovation, creates a cycle of dependency, and undermines the principles of hard work and personal responsibility that my mother taught me, and that have made our country great.

I believe that Democrats are good people with bad ideas on how to govern, and it is time to return the Republican Party to the helm.

I believe that the people of Colorado deserve representatives who will answer to them.

I believe that Colorado will be a leader in the economic future of our country, showing how the right public policy can foster freedom and prosperity.

And so, it is with great humility, and sense of civic duty, that I hereby announce my candidacy for the State House of Representatives, District 9.

It wasn't that many years ago that much of this district was represented by a Republican in the State Legislature. District 9 can be won by a Republican. Denver can be won by Republicans. And Colorado can be won by Republicans. I made the decision to move from the sidelines and on to the battlefield, and I call on each and every Republican in this room, as well as across my District, my city, and my state to help me take this fight to the Capitol.

I want to thank everyone who has advised and encouraged me as I considered this important decision, including County Chairman Ryan Call, former Representative Ruth Prendergast, and of course my friends and family, many of whom are here with me today.

I would also like to acknowledge the members of my campaign staff, who will support me in the months to come as I take on this challenge.

It's important to help Republican candidates in Republican districts, but if we want to reclaim Republican majorities it's also important to support candidates who face uphill battles in unfriendly territory. Know that I value and appreciate your time, talents, and generous contributions.

I am not a place-holder on the ballot; make no mistake - I am in it to win it, and I am counting on each and every one of you to help me make that happen. My name is C. J. Garbo, and I'm running for House District 9 in Denver.

Thank you for your time. God bless.