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Contact:kevin@kevintechau.com**STATEMENT OF KEVIN W. TECHAU CANDIDATE FOR IOWA'S 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

I've dedicated my life to public service – as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Iowa Air National Guard, Commissioner of the Iowa Department of Public Safety, and U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa. When I started this campaign for Congress, I did so with that same deep belief in public service and a commitment to the people of Iowa. I adamantly believe Iowa's Second Congressional District deserves better leadership than what we're getting from Ashley Hinson. Iowans deserve leaders rooted in decency, facts, and the rule of law.

It is regrettable that too much of our politics is about money. And I still hold out hope that with greater civic engagement, democracy rather than dollars, will ultimately prevail. But campaigns aren't just about convictions — they

require resources to be competitive. And the reality is, this campaign's fundraising simply hasn't met the threshold level that this race demands. As such, I am announcing effective today, that I am suspending my campaign for Congress.

This is not an easy decision. I've spent my career making hard calls based on evidence. As Annie Duke, the decision strategist, said: "Quitting isn't failing. It's choosing to stop when continuing no longer makes sense."

I'm proud of the campaign we built, of the conversations we've had with Iowans, and of the values we've stood for. But in this political environment, with all that is at stake, the responsible choice is to step aside.

That doesn't mean I'm stepping away from public service or the commitment to a stronger democracy. I will continue to support efforts to defeat Ashley Hinson and elect Democrats up and down the ticket who will fight for working families, defend democracy, and restore decency to our politics.

Thank you to everyone who stood with me, believed in our mission, and gave their time, energy, and dollars. Your support means the world to me.

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Techau

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