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Dear Fellow Delaware Republican,

With great enthusiasm and a steadfast commitment to advance the vital interests of our state, I seek the Republican nomination for the State Senate in this, the district of my birth and the place where my wife and I have chosen to live and raise our family.

I seek election to the State Senate because now is the time for fresh thinking and new leadership that will get this state moving again. I seek this seat to fight against waste and nepotism in our state government and to safeguard our precious tax dollars. And I seek this great honor to extend the proud legacy of Republicans from Pete du Pont to Bill Roth to Mike Castle to Charlie Copeland who always looked to the future and worked to make government more open and accountable to the people it serves.

The fact is, sixteen years of one-party rule in Dover has led to a culture of entitlement and complacency in our state government, with scandal after scandal, wasteful and unaccounted-for spending, roads choked with traffic and a spiraling budget deficit in the hundreds of millions of dollars. *Now is our time as Republicans to respond!!*

Experience that Matters

I was born and raised in a large and loving family here in Carrcroft in Brandywine Hundred, the youngest of seven children. From the earliest age, my parents instilled a strong sense of patriotism for my country and a deep appreciation for the rare beauty and opportunity provided by our state. Growing up we spent countless hours hiking the trails of Brandywine Creek State Park, exploring the wonderful woods and creeks near our home and competing in the North Brandywine Swim League.

During high school and college, I worked every job imaginable from cutting lawns to painting houses to swinging a hammer to flipping burgers at the old Winston's on Concord Pike. After graduating from the University of Delaware, I had the great fortune to join the staff of US Senator Bill Roth, ultimately serving as Director of his Wilmington office. Senator Roth taught me many lessons, foremost among them the sacred public trust that comes with elective office and the responsibility to use every moment in that office promoting policies that expand opportunity and enhance our security.

For the past 10 years I have held positions of increasing responsibility in the pharmaceutical business, where I've been proud to work with companies on the cutting edge of both science and public health. During this time, I've been an active supporter of Republican candidates at every level from local to state to national office.

I've also been deeply involved in the community, serving on the boards of several non-profit organizations, coaching YMCA and CYM basketball and soccer, and teaching Sunday school. Most importantly, my wife Christy and I have been busy raising three terrific children, Barbara (11), James (9) and Greg (6).

Why I'm Running

While it is no secret our Delaware GOP is facing some challenges, I cannot imagine sitting this election out. ***We owe it to the people of Delaware to present a strong, energetic campaign that offers a clear vision and choice for voters who want accountability and change from the creeping, casual corruption that comes with one-party rule.***

Delawareans need to know the Republican Party hears them and is working hard to address their growing concerns about the many failures of our state government. They need to know we intend to LEAD, with proven, conservative solutions that encourage investment and grow jobs, challenge the bureaucracy and offer a smart approach to balancing conservation and growth. They need to know we intend to break the lock of one-party control that is holding this state back.

I am seeking to represent our district in the State Senate because I love Delaware and this beautiful community and am indebted for all it has given me, because I have chosen to raise my family here and because I believe that a strong Republican Party is absolutely critical to the future of our state.

My Plan for Success

To win in November, we've got to be competitive in every single election district from Marsh Road to Montchanin, from Alapocas to Ashland, and from Fairthorne to Fairfax – no single precinct can go uncontested. We need to connect again with young people, newcomers and Independents and even Democrats. That will take organization and it will take resources. I have assembled an outstanding team of supporters and fundraisers who are prepared to help me run a campaign that will leave no door un-knocked, and no phone un-rung. I pledge to you no one will work harder as a candidate or as your Senator. And I promise you we will wage a race that will make every Republican – indeed every Delawarean – in our district proud.

So I ask you to join me in calling on our great Party's heritage, values, and principles and returning this state to a path of prosperity and accountability. And let's have some fun while we're at it!

In the coming weeks and months I intend to crisscross the district learning about your hopes and concerns, so you'll be seeing a lot of me. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions, thoughts or suggestions at ***FlemingforDelaware@comcast.net***.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do to make our Party and our wonderful neighborhoods and state so special. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Michael Fleming