Sean Dougherty Candidate Statement

The biggest problems facing our nation--climate change, housing, student debt, healthcare, and endless war--won't be solved while our policymakers are in thrall to corporations for campaign donations. That is why I'm running within a political party that prohibits its members from taking corporate money.

I have worked as an engineer for the past 20+ years. It has never been my ambition to run for office. I am running because I have a toddler, and I don't believe our government will do what is necessary to provide him with a habitable planet and a humane, just society when he's older. Congress failed to solve the problem of universal healthcare during the pandemic due to big donations from the private health insurers, and I believe it will similarly fail to address the climate crisis due to donations from the fossil fuel industry.

If elected, I'll prioritize getting money out of politics through publicly financed elections. I'll also prioritize keeping oil in the ground. And I will push to slash our military budget by 50% and spend the money instead on providing high-quality public housing, education, transportation, and healthcare. The focus on many of our so-called problems (crime, immigration) is a way of deflecting attention from the root causes of those problems: destruction and disenfranchisement caused by corporate greed, lack of public services, and militarism.

This is a nonpartisan primary so the top two vote-getters go to the general. Your vote for me won't risk electing the major party you oppose.

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