CONVENTION SPEECH

FOR

DOUGLAS BUTZIER

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues and distinguished guests, please allow me to introduce myself. I am Douglas Butzier and with your support I intend to represent the citizens of Iowa as the Libertarian Party’s candidate for the United States Senate. Although I have no political experience, I believe that is one of the best reasons to vote for me to represent **YOU** in this country’s seat of government. I am **ONE OF YOU**. I am a citizen of this state, this community, this town. As an emergency room doctor, every day I prove my ability to make critical decisions in pressure cooker environments. I am used to stress and I am practiced in exerting skills required in life and death situations. I believe that the people need **authentic** representation and I am here to offer my skills, my compassion and my dedication to represent the Libertarian party as your Senator from Iowa.

In an article found on the website of the Cato Institute, there is a quote from Thomas Jefferson and in it he describes his process in writing the Declaration of Independence. He said that he “turned to neither book nor pamphlet to write it.” He simply attempted “to place before mankind the **common sense** of the subject.” Ladies and gentlemen, I believe that we all need to take a collective deep breath, work together as partners and neighbors-as a community, and we need to find the **common sense** of the subjects we all have to deal with to survive and thrive in life.

I want to tell you a bit about myself. I was born and raised right here, in Iowa. I attended NU High School in Cedar Falls and I got my Bachelor of Science degree followed by my MD at the University of Iowa. I love my state and my neighbors. I have dedicated my life to supporting the community. Five years ago, I wanted to explore more about the workings of modern economics and I went back to the University of Iowa and obtained my MBA. I am immersed in community life and I am faced with the same issues that YOU face: Economic uncertainty, community survival, negotiating the ins and outs of our health care system-and believe me, I am **really** immersed in those issues as a doctor, as a student of economics, as a father and as a patient. I’m also a family man. With two grown kids from my first marriage and three teenage step-kids thanks to my wife,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I think about the well being of the next generation, and what kind of world and government they will inherit.

 I am inspired by the work of Milton Friedman and I believe with my background and experience, literally on the front line of every day life, that I am the person who will best serve and represent the principles of the Libertarian Party in the US Senate. Milton Friedman has said, “Most of the energy of political work is devoted to correcting the effects of mismanagement of government.” I stand here before you and I am offering you representation, accountability, and common sense. As **YOUR** US Senator, I will use my skills to promote a new kind of government that works **FOR** the people because **I am one of YOU**.

Thank you all!