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Volunteers Energize “Ed Martin for Congress” Campaign

Nearly 100 Supporters Attend Training Events in St. Louis and Jefferson County

(ST. LOUIS, Mo) Dec. 11, 2009 – Congressional Candidate Ed Martin is heading into the 2010 election year with a strong and growing base of volunteer support in Missouri’s 3rd District. Despite the busy holiday season, the campaign’s **first round** of volunteer training events **drew nearly 100 supporters** who are fed up with incumbent Russ Carnahan and an out-of-control Congress that refuses to listen to their concerns.

“It’s gotten to a point where you’ve got to speak up and say what you think is right about where the country is headed,” said **Tim Surdyke**, who hosted the Jefferson County training session at his family’s business, **Surdyke Harley-Davidson**, in Festus.

“I just want [a representative] I can talk to and [who] will listen - and I feel like Ed’s that guy,” said **volunteer Lori Bourgeois**, a registered nurse whose family operates a small plumbing business in Jefferson County. Bourgeois says she’s “terrified” by Carnahan’s reckless support for trillion-dollar health care legislation and the controversial “Cap-and-Trade” energy tax. **“I can’t afford any more taxes,”** added Bourgeois. **“We are just squeaking by.”**

The first training sessions took place last Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Drury Inn & Suites on Hampton Ave. in south St. Louis, and at McArthur’s Bakery on Lemay Ferry Rd. in south St. Louis County. They were followed by last night’s Dec. 10 session in Jefferson County. The campaign will hold additional training events - including one in Ste. Genevieve County - in January.

“We are extremely grateful for the support we’re receiving from the people of this district,” said Martin. “This is just the **beginning** of our fight to bring common sense to Congress and stop their reckless spending and heedless power grabs.”

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