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Dear <Default_Salutation>:

So often when I hear from friends, relatives and supporters they ask me, "Why do you want to run for Congress?" The answer for me is an easy one: Marilyn Musgrave **does not represent the values and ideals** of the Fourth Congressional District.

I believe you deserve a **dedicated public servant** who has the experience and the personal commitment to make a difference for Coloradoans. I believe you deserve a strong voice advocating for our farmers, our children and our seniors. I believe I am that voice.

As a mother of three children who attended public school in Fort Collins, I understand the issues facing our teachers and I know what it's like to worry about whether or not your children are ready to succeed in a new global economy.

As a businesswoman who founded and grew two successful businesses, I recognize the stresses of meeting a payroll, not exceeding your budget, and dealing with the rising costs of providing **quality, affordable healthcare** to your employees.

As Regional Director for Senator Salazar and as the former Chair of the Larimer County Democrats, I have proven experience working with business leaders, government agencies, farmers, teachers and individual constituents in an effort to address the issues facing Coloradoans.

As a high-level official with the Department of State I traveled the world extensively strengthening the security of our classified computer systems. I understand the importance of using diplomacy to fight terrorism while **protecting our borders, airports and ports**.

While the Democratic-led Congress has been able to make progress despite the leadership in the White House, I know that there are many issues that still need to be addressed. I want to go to Congress to make sure *America keeps moving forward*.

I know you feel as strongly about the need for change as I do. We have a rare opportunity right here in Colorado to do our part to change the direction of our country.

I am more than ready for this fight, but I need people like you to stand with me. September 30th is a crucial fundraising deadline so please show your support by sending the largest donation you can afford, whether it is \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75, \$50 or \$25.

The desire for change is sweeping across the nation. Americans and Coloradoans are ready for a new and positive direction. That's because there are those in Washington who are not what they seem to be. They claim to be the people's representatives but they are not.

One of those folks is our Congresswoman, Marilyn Musgrave.

Musgrave is trying to change her image because **60%** of those recently polled would vote for “**someone else.**” Musgrave knows she has a **48% unfavorable rating with voters.**

I know you are not fooled by the “new Marilyn Musgrave” because “new Marilyn” **votes just like old Marilyn.** Press releases about bipartisanship are misleading when Musgrave votes **86% in agreement with the Bush Administration, and 98% with Congressional Republicans.**

Your contribution of \$100, \$250, \$500 or more today will arm me with the financial resources to force Marilyn Musgrave to defend her voting record.

And a **dismal voting record** it is. Marilyn Musgrave certainly does not represent our values.

Marilyn Musgrave voted to cut \$15 billion in veterans' benefits, but voted for a \$16 billion tax giveaway to big oil companies instead of an estimated *\$13 billion in revenues* for **tax breaks relating to renewable energy sources.** Bad for America, wrong for Colorado.

Marilyn Musgrave voted against The 2007 Farm Bill, robbing **hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies for Colorado crop growers** and cutting **millions of dollars for agricultural research.** Bad for America, wrong for Colorado.

Marilyn Musgrave voted against increasing financial aid by more than \$20 billion, against **cutting interest rates in half** and against **saving Colorado students \$4,310** over the life of a loan at a four-year school. Bad for America, wrong for Colorado.

Marilyn Musgrave voted **with Big Tobacco** and against providing health coverage to 11 million U.S. children. The \$50 billion investment in children and seniors' health care represents just *five months of spending in Iraq.* Bad for America, wrong for Colorado.

Marilyn Musgrave says she is for competition and affordable health care but she blocks the government from negotiating directly with drug makers for lower prescription drug prices for individuals using Medicare. Bad for America, wrong for Colorado.

It's clearly **time for a change in Colorado**, and right now is our chance. We simply cannot afford to squander another opportunity to defeat Marilyn Musgrave in 2008.

So please, let me hear from you today. I'm honored and proud to have your support, and I greatly appreciate your help.

Colorado deserves better. You deserve better.

Together, we will make a difference.

With my thanks,

Betsy Markey
Democratic Candidate, Fourth Congressional District

P.S. I wouldn't be in this race if I wasn't absolutely certain that we need a change and that we can win. I must have the help of friends like you. Please contribute TODAY by mailing your check in the enclosed envelope or donating online at www.markeyforcongress.com.