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**Candidate Statement**

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1. Biography – Qualifications:

I was born in Great Falls, Montana as one of six children. I graduated from Billings West High School in 1972, and later graduated from the University of Montana with a BS degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. In Whitefish, I met my husband, Jerry Eder, and we married in 1980. We moved to Hailey, Idaho when I was appointed Postmaster in 1982.

During my postal career, I was elected to Idaho State President of the National Association of Postmasters (NAPUS) and went on to serve as the Northwest area Vice-President of NAPUS. After a 33-year career with the Postal Service, I retired in 2009.

While working, and now as a retiree, I have been involved with many local area non-profits in leadership positions.

I have served as president of the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, president of the Blaine County American Cancer Society, fundraising chair for Hailey Ski Team, and race organizer for the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation. I have been actively involved in the medical services for the community. I served on the board of Blaine County Hospital and worked on the merger with Moritz Community Hospital in Sun Valley to form a joint Wood River Medical Center. I was chairman of the board during the final phase of a \$22 million campaign to build the new St. Luke's hospital in Ketchum. Recently, the Wood River Women's Foundation appointed me to their board of their organization, which focuses on funding grants to local non-profits through collaborative giving. Currently, I'm completing a two-year term as the president of the Hailey Rotary Club.

We have two children. Our son Jason is 30 and our daughter Lauren is 28. Jason graduated from the University of Utah in Salt Lake and works in Salt Lake. Lauren received her degree at the University of Denver, was recently married and she and her husband work in Denver.

2. Why vote for me? My top priorities?

I care about education for our future generations that will enable our graduates to get good jobs.

- We must provide our high school graduates with affordable opportunities to pursue further education, whether it's certificate training, or a 2 or 4-year college degree.

- Support for education is an investment in Idaho's future!

I have been actively involved in the medical services in my community.

- I served on the board of Blaine County Hospital during a merger with Moritz hospital and as President of Wood River Medical Center when St. Luke's took over hospital operations.
- I understand the delivery of care and how important it is for families to get the care they need at an affordable cost.
- I care about health care for our most vulnerable citizens, including those without insurance who fall through the gap, seniors and veterans.
- Taxpayer dollars can be saved by eliminating the burden counties face for indigent care.

We live in Idaho for the quality of life, and the beauty of our surroundings. Many in the legislative majority continue to look at breaking up our public lands and selling them off to the highest bidder.

- Access to hiking and biking trails, hunting, fishing and camping areas must remain in public hands.
- Our district's economy is heavily reliant on public access to public lands and we must work to ensure our tourism industry and agricultural producers can continue to operate as they have been.
- State ownership of these lands could threaten our access and our economic base.

As the Postmaster for 27 years in Hailey, I touched lives every day and provided excellent service to customers.

- As Idaho State President for the National Association of Postmasters, I represented all Postmasters in Idaho, and took their concerns to the district and national level. During a lifetime of public service, I have learned to listen and act upon concerns of residents, businesses and customers.
- I have demonstrated the ability to lead, listen to all sides, and make fair decisions.
- As your representative, I will work diligently for the hard-working families and residents of District 26.

I ask for your vote on November 8, 2016.

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