



Having a few days to fully come to grasp with what our loss in running to be the next state senator in Senate District 28 means, I want to convey my thoughts and express some feelings.

First and foremost, I want to express my endless and boundless love, thanks and appreciation to my wife, Melodie, for what her support and tireless work on our campaign means to me. Since we first started this journey, I have referred to this as “our” campaign, not mine, because quite frankly if had not been for Melodie, I’m not sure I would have undertaken it. When she and I met, I had just come through the hardest trials in my life and was fighting to simply survive. God brought Melodie into my life for a purpose, and through her love, fervent belief in me and my abilities (abilities that I had come to forget and refused to even acknowledge), and her deep and abiding faith in our Lord and helping to show me that same deep and abiding love and belief that He has in me, she made me realize that I might still have a place and purpose in life. That then manifested itself in this run for office and for all this I’ll never be able to repay her or Him.

I also want to express my thanks and love to all those who walked alongside us as we embarked on this endeavor. From members of my own family to others whom I now count as friends (at a time when I wasn’t sure I had many friends left) who counseled me, encouraged me, supported me and (at times) kicked me in my backside, you all were the driving force that moved me and compelled me forward. I’d try and list you all but I’d miss someone, so I’ll just say, You know who you are and from within me at the bottom of my soul, “Thank you!” Your support and devotion to our cause can never be repaid but will always serve as a reminder to me of how I should look to serve others in the same way all of you supported me. For this, I am blessed!

Now, on to the campaign and the election. When we started this effort, I had little realization what we were undertaking. Starting with the fact that I was a virtual nobody who had never run for public office, who had come to an almost loathing for any sort of public

spotlight, who has a deep disdain for “politics as usual” and an even deeper disdain for the Left in our country and for Leftists in Wyoming who run as Republicans in order to get elected, and for the fact that I have almost a pathological bent against the “Establishment” wing of the political party I have belonged to since I was in my early 20’s, all of these factors screamed “DO NOT RUN FOR OFFICE!”

Several things ran me afoul of that warning. The first is my fervent and overpowering love of the state I call home. I wasn’t born here, but I have been here for over a half century, and this is my home and always will be. It has made and molded me into who I am, and it is to whom I owe much of the success I have had in my life. I wanted to repay that debt. Next are all the factors I listed above, and watching my opponent, who fits into so many of those categories, along with the current governor and many in the current legislature, I became drawn to trying to find a way to fight the horrific negative influence these people are exerting over this state I love. Finally, it was the people for whom I have such admiration and appreciation, the opposites of those listed previously, who came to me and encouraged me to take this undertaking on that caused me to jump into this, and we did with all we had.

When we started this, I knew we faced a formidable opponent. He is a well-connected political insider, has immense personal wealth, and loves to cavort with the Cheyenne cabal comprised of the Leftist’s within the Republican party (including our current governor); the power wielders consisting of the lobbyists and the entrenched bureaucrats that litter the hallways of the Capitol in Cheyenne; and the barely disguised socialists aka the “Wyoming Caucus” side of the republican party. We knew he would derive support and “tribute” from the big lobbyist groups and their PACs for the votes he handed their way over the years, and we knew that the nefarious leftist forces within PACs with innocuous names such as “American’s For Prosperity PAC,” “The Wyoming Way PAC,” and “Prosperity and Commerce PAC” would come against us. Boy did they!

Despite this, we forged ahead. I am extremely proud of the campaign we ran. My slogan for our campaign was “Wyoming Strong~ Cowboy Tough.” Strong and tough but never disingenuous or untruthful. We carefully documented every wrong-headed and bad vote that my opponent has made (more than six pages of them!), and we made it public for the voters in SD28 to see. We called him out for his support of “Benedict” Cheney (he served on her “Leadership Team” and helped devise strategy to try and defeat Harriet Hageman!), and we called attention to the contributions his campaign received from Mark Gordon’s PAC AFTER he refused to vote to overturn Gordon’s vetoes (pay to play?) on property tax relief, protecting gun rights, and ending the abortion clinic here in Casper. For calling attention to all of this, my opponent labeled me “nasty” and accused me of running a negative

campaign. Apparently “negative campaigning” is RINO-speak for drawing attention to a sitting legislator’s nefarious actions!

What is little known is that Senate District 28 is a solidly “purple” district. In this election, it elected the two most liberal house candidates available. It rejected one of the most solid, capable and dedicated conservatives in the entire Wyoming legislature (Jeanette Ward) in favor of a hand-picked stooge for the education cabal with the other being a hand-picked lackey of the Wyoming Caucus. Both have already received thousands in campaign contributions from the same PACs that supported my opponent including Gordon’s PAC PAC and Americans for Prosperity, two of the hardest left PACs playing in the swamp of Wyoming politics. Senate District 28 also contains the only precinct in Natrona County that both Biden and Benedict Cheney carried. This is also why my opponent has found comfort and solace here for 12 years providing absolutely no meaningful results for either the residents of SD28 or the people of Wyoming. Solid purple.

It all came down to Tuesday. 30 votes. 1.15%. That was the margin between myself, who started in May as a nobody with no political experience, no money, and no political connections, and one of the most well-connected political insiders with 12 years of experience in the Wyoming Senate, the vice chairman of the most powerful committee in the Legislature, and who counts among his “friends” and endorses the current governor, the current Senate President (who will go down in Wyoming history as the most failed and flawed person to ever hold that position), and the only two Democrats in the Wyoming Senate (yes, he has 100% support from senate Democrats!) 30 votes. 1.15%.

And yet a solid red, unabashed, unapologetic conservative political nobody who supports Donald Trump, low taxes, individual freedom, parental rights and school choice came within 30 votes of ejecting a hard left purple Liz Cheney/Mark Gordon establishment RINO from the Wyoming Senate. We carried five of the nine precincts in SD28. 30 votes. 1.15%

As we close out this chapter, we are extremely proud of the campaign we ran, tremendously grateful to the friends and the friendships we have made over the course of this campaign, and above all else, deeply thankful to, and humbled by, the 1274 people who cast their vote for and placed their trust in me by checking the box next to my name on their ballots. I am truly blessed!



A final note. It is customary for a candidate who loses a campaign to call and congratulate the winner. Likely I would have done that in our case (I'd even gone to the trouble of finding his phone number) if it were not for this. Late on election eve, after the county clerk announced the election results, my opponent used a press opportunity to make the following statement: *"I hope it proves that negative campaigning does not work in this state," Anderson said. He characterized his opponent's campaign as "nasty" and one that used out-of-state PAC money to try and defeat him."*

Uttering such falsehoods and outright lies (I received NO out-of-state PAC money; to the contrary, it was Mr. Anderson who stockpiled PAC money to the tune of 25X's the amount we received) is once more RINO/Wyoming Caucus speak derived from the Left's Obama playbook of "accuse them of doing all the dirty things you're doing and then call them out for it." During our whole campaign, this was never personal on my part towards Mr. Anderson, I just despised the way he voted for 12 years. With his angry attack on me, he's made it personal now. I won't dignify Mr. Anderson's remarks with a congratulatory phone call. He has not earned, nor does he deserve, one.