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Democrat Celeste Williams Shows Strong Fundraising Finish, Voter Outreach in 2019

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BELLA VISTA -- In 2019, Third Congressional District Candidate Celeste Williams raised **\$103,267.26** from 712 individual contributors and **\$0** from corporate PACs. Arkansans are excited about her candidacy, and ready to #FlipTheThird.

"We're a people-powered campaign with a people-centric message, and I'm proud of the movement we are building," Williams said. "After 23 years as a nurse, I've realized there are so many issues that I can't fix in an exam room. Arkansans are investing in our campaign because they know I will fight for affordable healthcare, lower prescription drug costs, fair pay for hard work, and access to quality education and job training."

Showing her grassroots appeal, all of the money Williams raised in 2019 came from 712 individual donors; she received 518 donations of \$50 or less.

Williams' campaign finance report is again in stark contrast with her Republican opponent Steve Womack who in 2019 raised 56% of his money from special interest PACs like health insurance companies, bankers, and government contractors, and just 44% from individuals.

"Transparency in campaign finance reporting is important because voters deserve to know whose interests their Representatives in Washington will put first. I have to question why my opponent takes so much from special interests to finance his campaign. I'm running for Congress to fight for Arkansans, not Washington lobbyists," said Williams.

With this financial support, the Williams campaign has hired staff, recruited volunteers, opened a campaign headquarters, begun a digital advertising campaign, attended eight parades and holiday events, held 18 campaign events, and made over 6,000 calls to voters.

BIOGRAPHY: Celeste Williams is a family nurse practitioner, mother, adoptive mother, wife, and community servant. She is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Celeste is running for Congress because she believes extreme partisanship creates ineffective leadership and is a threat to our Democracy. The citizens of Arkansas's Third District must be healthy and educated in order to earn a good wage. Celeste will always put people over Party and fight for every Arkansan. Celeste lives just outside of Bella Vista with her husband, four children, several chickens, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, 2 peacocks, 3 ducks, 2 rabbits, and a bearded dragon.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Celeste Williams is available for telephone and Skype interviews.

