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Celeste Williams More than Doubles Incumbent Womack in Second Quarter Fundraising

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BELLA VISTA -- Celeste Williams, Democratic candidate running to unseat Rep. Steve Womack in Arkansas's Third Congressional District, raised **\$76,176.55 in the last three months, more than double the \$32,260 reported by her Republican opponent.**

More than \$72,000 (94%) of Williams' money was donated by 3,568 individual contributors and \$0 came from corporate Political Action Committees (PACs). In contrast, Rep. Womack raised \$32,260 this quarter, with 68% coming from corporate and special interest PACs. Just 4% of Womack's contributors gave \$200 or less compared with 57% of donors to the Williams campaign.

"I've invested my time listening to voters across the District, and this outpouring of support is evidence that they feel heard and have confidence that we're going to win," said Williams. *"When I'm elected, I'll fight for every Arkansan, not just those who can afford Steve Womack's ear."* Williams continued, *"As a nurse practitioner, I'll legislate on the side of science and common sense solutions. If this pandemic has proved nothing else, it's that we need representatives in Washington who understand public health. **Quite simply, voters trust a nurse.**"*

Donors to Celeste are people from all walks of life - nurses, teachers, business owners, grocery clerks, stay-at-home-parents, bookkeepers, bakers, and clergy members, to name a few. The average donation to Williams this quarter was **\$16.72.**

"I support Celeste because she cares," local supporter and Bentonville teacher Sam Slaton said. *"She's committed and she's informed. I know she'll go to bat for my family and my fellow Arkansans."*

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Williams' fundraising success is yet another sign of growing strength for Democrats in Arkansas, coming on the heels of a mid-June *Talk Business & Politics* and Hendrix College poll that made national news showing **President Donald Trump in a statistical tie with Joe Biden in Arkansas** (Trump 47% - 45% Biden). The same survey showed more voters disapproved than approved of the job performance of both Donald Trump and Sen. Tom Cotton. 46% of respondents approved of the job the President is doing, while 50% disapprove; Cotton's ratings were similarly poor — 44% approve vs. 47% disapprove. Self-identified independent voters were even more critical in their assessment of Trump and Cotton, preferring Biden over Trump by 46% to 40%.

*“Under Steve Womack’s watch, the northwest quadrant of Arkansas has emerged as a coronavirus hotspot, earning a position atop the New York Times’ running list of highest-growth regions across the country. When his constituents needed him most, Representative Womack chose a familiar route — siding with a failed and incompetent administration over the people of his state. **Arkansas voters are ready for change; I could not be more honored to have their support.**”* said Williams.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Celeste is available for interviews via phone or video conferencing

BIOGRAPHY: Celeste Williams is a nurse practitioner, mother, wife, and community servant. She is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. 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.