

Congressman Richard Nugent, our area's contribution to our dysfunctional congress, has demonstrated in eight short months, his willingness to go along lock step with a radical agenda by voting to replace Medicare with a voucher program, voting to slash support for Medicaid and Social Security, voting to eliminate funding for National Public Radio, voting to eliminate the funding for School-Based Health Centers, and voting to terminate programs that are vital for the poor and working class, specifically the Home Affordable Modification Program, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program and the Federal Housing Administration Refinance Program.

In sharp contrast, he voted to cripple the effectiveness of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and voted to abolish The Federal Financing of Presidential Election Campaigns, both items that would work to reduce the stranglehold that the banks, corporations and Koch brothers funded groups have on our government. And of course, his work as part of the team that inflicted the cuts artificially tied to the increase in the debt level will cost hundreds of thousands of jobs, many of them right here in Hernando County.

In just eight months, Congressman Nugent has clearly demonstrated why it is critical that the citizens of this district identify and elect a qualified, progressive leader who will represent his or her constituents and not the special interests that Mr. Nugent slavishly serves.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Zeledon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Zeledon Chairman,

Hernando County Democratic Executive Committee