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**Bryan Steil announces run for Congress**

JANESVILLE, Wis. – In a room of supporters at Performance Micro Tool today, Bryan Steil announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress. In addition, Bryan also launched his website, [www.SteilForWisconsin.com](http://www.SteilForWisconsin.com). Bryan's official headshot can be downloaded [here](#) for media use. Prepared remarks are below.

Bryan has spent the last nine years working in manufacturing in southeast Wisconsin and has seen firsthand how Washington limits economic growth.

In 2016, Bryan was appointed and unanimously confirmed to serve on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents by the Wisconsin State Senate. As a Regent, Bryan helps oversee the UW System, which has more than a \$6 billion budget and serves nearly 180,000 students at 26 different campuses. He has proven to be a consistent advocate for providing high quality and affordable education.

Bryan is running for Congress because Washington needs a problem solver. Bryan is a Janesville native, Craig High School graduate, and member of St. John Vianney Parish in Janesville. He has a history of private sector experience, public service, and community involvement.

**BRYAN STEIL'S REMARKS AS PREPARED**

I know most of you here today, but for those I have not met, let me introduce myself.

I was born and raised right here in Janesville; went to Craig High School and later graduated from the University of Wisconsin. I live in Janesville to this day.

For the past nine years I have worked in manufacturing here in Rock County. I also serve on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents.

During the last week I have talked with many people – family, friends, neighbors, and heck, a few people I've never even met. They have called to offer advice, to provide encouragement, and to hear what I was thinking.



Over the years, the people of the first district have elected hard working, selfless individuals, from Les Aspen to Paul Ryan. They might not have agreed on the “How,” but they all shared a commitment to helping the people Racine, Kenosha, Elkhorn, Janesville, and everywhere in between. And I am ready to take up that calling.

Two and a half years ago, Paul Ryan made us all proud by taking the gavel becoming Speaker of the House. Next year, Paul will hand the gavel to someone new. We cannot let Nancy Pelosi take it back.

Why? Because jobs are coming back to our community because we have a strong and talented work force ready to compete with anyone, anywhere in the world. But we need to continue to prepare and train individuals for the jobs of the future.

These will be jobs with higher wages; careers that pay the bills, cover the mortgage. This is what families in our community want.

We have started but have not finished unleashing the full strength of the American economy. There are still problems to be solved.

For nearly a decade I have been proud to work for Rock County manufacturers. And I have seen, first hand, how too often our own federal government gets in the way; puts up unnecessary roadblocks. This leads to limiting growth and limited job opportunities.

The chattering class in Washington gets paid to identify problems. For the past nine years, in manufacturing, I got paid to solve problems.

I want to take my problem-solving skills to Congress. I think they need problem solvers, doers... not talkers.

I have also seen first-hand the importance of a good education. Today, to secure a good job in our new and changing economy, one needs a good education. We need quality high schools, effective technical colleges, and affordable four-year universities like the University of Wisconsin system.

I was appointed by Governor Walker and confirmed unanimously in the State Senate by Republicans and Democrats alike to serve on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents. It is a responsibility I take seriously. I said no to excessive spending even when it was not popular, casting the lone vote against the 2017 annual budget that raised student fees.

I stood my ground because every Wisconsinite deserves access to affordable, high quality, education. The Federal Government does not help. The University of Wisconsin system spends needless money on federal compliance. That is money that should be in the pockets of students, not in the pocket of Washington bureaucrats.



Washington needs problem solvers who are not afraid to take on the tough issues. I am ready to fight with everything I have. So today, I offer you my talents, experience and service.

Today, I, Bryan Steil, declare my candidacy for Congress.

If there is one thing I promise you today, it is no one will work harder to win the trust and confidence of the voters across the first district. I am running to give back to the community and a state that has given me so much.

I am convinced our future is bright -- for south eastern Wisconsin, and for the entire state.

My confidence is rooted in something much more meaningful than any statistic or figure. More than anything, the future is bright because of each of you. Our people will always be our best asset. In southeastern Wisconsin we are hardworking and honest. We are not afraid to roll up our sleeves and take on challenges directly.

Employers are coming here because we have the best work force not just in America, but in the world. However, there are still problems that needs solutions. With so many problems, and no easy answers, some might ask what's my agenda.

My answer is simple: My agenda is yours.

Healthcare costs continue to rise. Our national spending continues to skyrocket, and workers need skills for the jobs of the future. I want to take our Wisconsin work ethic and my problem-solving experience to Washington's non-stop crisis factory.

But it won't be easy. I need your help.

In the coming weeks and months, I am going to be traveling all over the first district, meeting voters and humbly asking for their support.

So let me start right now.

Can I count on you to help fight for effective high schools, tech schools and four-year universities? Can I count on you to fight with me to fully unleash the strength of the American economy? Can I count on your help during the campaign, knocking on doors to talk to your friends and neighbors? Can I count on you through thick and thin, until we cross the finish line in November?

I will need all your support to take my problem-solving skills, on your behalf, to Congress, to help those in our community.

And I promise you again, that no one will work harder than me to earn the trust and confidence of the voters. So let's get started.



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