

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Independent Candidate seeks Democratic Nomination, Endorses Warren

John Curtis' challenger, Russ Fugal, endorses Elizabeth Warren for president, seeks party nomination.

DRAPER, UT 29th February 2020 —

Though he was elected as a delegate to the Utah Republican Party convention in 2008, Russ Fugal says he has been politically independent since 2003. When he stepped forward last summer to challenge Rep. John Curtis for Utah's 3rd Congressional District, he did so as an independent. "I'm not a single-issue candidate," says Fugal, "I have well-developed positions on nearly all federal issues — but I'm only in the race because of the climate issue. Since I'm running anyway, I might as well take bold stands to fix our broken elections, stop political bribery, and end secret money." Fugal supports the American Anti-Corruption Act forwarded by RepresentUs — the nation's leading right-left anti-corruption group known for its A-list celebrity endorsements. To get on the ballot as an independent candidate Fugal needed to collect 300 signatures. "Collecting signatures was easy," says Fugal. "Knocking doors, I met so many former Republicans anxious to support a challenge to Curtis' partisan protection of Trump's corruption." Curtis received 67% of the vote in 2018, whereas Donald Trump received only 47% of the district's vote in 2016.

Today, on the heels of an open letter to democratic chairs of five committees in the House of Representatives, Fugal announces that he is seeking the Utah Democratic Party's nomination and endorsing Elizabeth Warren for president. "I'm a Warren democrat," says Fugal. "The science is clear: we need to immediately begin reducing fossil gas, oil, and coal burning by better than 8% a year. These are economy-changing reductions, and Warren has a plan for that." Fugal also has a plan, detailed in his open letter; "This is a business-centering, market-based policy that addresses The Problem head on," it says. Fugal delivered his letter to Rep. Deb Haaland, D-NM — a Warren for President co-chair who is visiting Salt Lake City for a public lands event, and Chair of the Public Lands subcommittee that Curtis serves on. Fugal published his letter on [Medium.com/@rfugal/](https://medium.com/@rfugal/) and Fugal2020.com/elba/.

Committee to Elect Russel Fugal www.Fugal2020.com — press@fugal2020.com

END

###