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## ALASKA INDEPENDENT MARGARET STOCK ANNOUNCES BID FOR UNITED STATES SENATE

Anchorage, AK, February 16, 2016 — Longtime Alaskan and retired Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Margaret Stock today announced her bid as an Independent candidate for the United States Senate.

Stock promises to stand up to Washington and put Alaskan interests first. "Alaskans are resourceful people who focus on accomplishments rather than partisan politics. Our current leaders in Washington, D.C. are more concerned about special interests than Alaska or the nation as a whole. Partisanship and Federal overreach are out of control. Washington politicians are failing us, while they sit around blaming each other for their own lack of leadership," Stock said. "There's a lot riding on this election for Alaska's economy and for Alaska's future. More of the same party politics won't fix it, but will only make things worse. We need independent leadership in Washington."

In her first run for office, Stock cited her experience in the military as inspiration for how she will make Alaska and our nation more safe and secure. Stock said, "I'm not a politician. I've served our nation in the Army so I understand service and putting country before self. I'm guided by the interests of Alaska, and the founding principles of our nation."

From educating our next generation of military leaders and developing award winning recruitment programs for our armed forces, to correcting governmental injustice and reuniting families, Stock has spent her career fighting to protect the security of our nation and standing up for everyday citizens -- the same values that will drive her work in Washington. Stock intends to fight for the middle class, defend our personal privacy and liberty, protect Social Security, and stand up to powerful special interest money that drives the agenda in Washington.

Stock believes Alaskans understand the need to elect leaders who will focus on solving our biggest challenges. Says Stock, "As an Independent, I can better serve all Alaskans and help break the partisan gridlock that has infected our nation's politics at virtually every level."

A retired Lieutenant Colonel, Margaret Stock served her country in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps for 28 years. At West Point, she taught Constitutional and National Security law. She has testified before numerous Congressional committees and serves on important state and national boards and commissions. Ms. Stock is a graduate of the Harvard Law School, the Kennedy School of Government, and the Army War College. The oath she took to protect the Constitution and the nation is the oath she lives by today. She isn't a politician, she doesn't represent a party; Margaret Stock is a citizen of Alaska, a retired soldier, and a 2013 MacArthur Fellowship winner.

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