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## **LaTOURETTE FILES FOR OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 76**

*Chardon, OH (February 6, 2014)* – Sarah LaTourette, a Bainbridge Township Republican, filed petitions today to run for Ohio’s seventy-sixth house district.

LaTourette cited the need for effective, responsive representation in the district. “Northeast Ohio is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. It is time we had a voice in the Statehouse that represents our values of hard work, respect and integrity. I will work every day to improve the lives of my constituents and focus on the issues that matter to them.”

If elected, LaTourette will focus on growing our economy, improving our infrastructure and bringing quality jobs to northeast Ohio. LaTourette stated, "I am excited to announce that I am running for Ohio House District 76. People like to say that politics runs in my blood. But for me, this is about more than politics. This is about a real opportunity to better my community and serve my neighbors. This is about making Geauga and Portage counties a better place to raise our children. It is time Northeast Ohio had a leader that cares about our future, not just winning the next election or building their own profile. Like many voters in the district, I am fed up with the toxic division that has defined our politics and torn apart our party. Being a State Representative is more than just voting no and shouting down opponents. It is about focusing on the issues that truly matter to your constituents and working every day to improve their lives and defend their freedoms.

"I am running because I believe our district deserves honest, effective representation. As Ronald Reagan once said, 'If not us, who; if not now, when.' I have spent countless hours praying about this decision, always returning to those wise words of President Reagan and realizing that I have a unique opportunity to be the change that I so desperately want to see in our region.”

A firm believer in community service, LaTourette has dedicated much of her life to bettering her community. Heavily involved in local animal rescue, she has fostered dozens of dogs, served on the Board of Directors for a Golden Retriever rescue, and volunteered countless hours to numerous animal welfare organizations. LaTourette currently mentors a child in permanent custody of Cuyahoga County foster care, and has volunteered at several homeless shelters. “I have seen firsthand the difference service can make in a community. Imagine if everyone gave just one hour to serve in their neighborhood – the world would be a much better place. Running for office is the next logical path in my journey to serve my neighbors.” LaTourette also believes that non-profit and private charitable organizations can serve the community far more efficiently than government bureaucracy.

Born and raised in northeast Ohio, LaTourette currently lives in Bainbridge Township with her husband, three rescue dogs and two rescue cats. The daughter of former US Congressman Steven C. LaTourette, Sarah developed an early love for serving the people of northeast Ohio. “I could not be prouder to be my father’s daughter, but I am not my father. They say the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. That’s true in my case, although I definitely fell to the right of the tree.” The 76th House District includes most of Geauga County and the northern portion of Portage County.