Angus McQuilken Kicks Off “Campaign for Change” in the 6th Congressional District

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Beverly, MA – Angus McQuilken today kicked off his “Campaign for Change” in the 6th Congressional District, at an event with supporters and volunteers at his campaign headquarters in Beverly. McQuilken, who lives in Topsfield, announced his intention to run for the seat this past November.

McQuilken has identified “six priorities for the 6th Congressional District.” As a member of Congress, he will work to prevent gun violence, act on the climate crisis, invest in transportation, ensure healthcare access and coverage, strengthen the local economy, and restore higher education affordability.

McQuilken is the co-founder of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, a coalition that was formed after the tragic mass shooting of children and educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and that now has more than 100 member organizations. At the event Dolly McIlvaine, founder of Topsfield-based Hands Up for Gun Safety, introduced McQuilken, saying “Angus is energetic, smart, persuasive and an incredible communicator, with a proven record of building coalitions. Think about what kind of leadership we need in Washington, on gun violence and other issues, and I hope you will ultimately cast your vote for Angus to represent the 6th Congressional District.”

From 2008-2017 McQuilken served on the leadership team for the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, the agency charged with implementing Governor Deval Patrick’s Life Sciences Initiative. Martha Farmer, founder and former CEO of Beverly-based life sciences incubator North Shore InnoVentures, also spoke at the event, saying “I’ve known Angus for ten years and saw first-hand the commitment he brought to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center and the extraordinary impact he had to make it so successful. Angus invests himself wholeheartedly in the causes he supports and the work he does – and he gets things done! He takes a thoughtful
approach to the issues that are important to our region, including the urgency of addressing the climate crisis.”

McQuilken, age 50, previously served as Vice President for Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, and as Deputy Communications Director for the Democratic National Convention Committee. He earlier served as Chief of Staff to State Senator Cheryl Jacques, the first openly LGBTQ State Senator in Massachusetts, and is the co-founder of the Young Democrats of Massachusetts. He currently serves as a business development executive for the life sciences practice at a global AmLaw 100 law firm. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, McQuilken has been a long-time instructor of communications at Lasell University in Newton. McQuilken lives in Topsfield with his wife Diann. Together they have four children, aged 9-17.

“I'm running for Congress because there is work to do, and we need a leader who can get results,” said McQuilken. “On the issues that impact our and our families’ health, safety and economic security, too little progress is being made in Washington DC. We need leaders that will not take “no” for an answer on meaningful and effective national gun laws, that will act with urgency on the climate crisis, and that will ensure that high-quality healthcare is affordable and accessible to all. We need to invest in safe, reliable transportation options, in the affordability of higher education for our young people, and in innovation to keep our economy strong. These are my six priorities for the 6th congressional district.”

“That is why we are launching this campaign for change - and recruiting change voters from all over the 6th District and beyond to be a part of it,” McQuilken said. “As a member of Congress, I will never let up, slow down or give up until we've achieved the results we need. I will do what I've been doing for the past thirty years - I will build broad-based coalitions of people who are ready to raise their voices, so that we will be louder than the voices of those who seek to protect the status-quo. That is how change happens, and we will do it together.”

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