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STATEMENT FROM JIM KELLER ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

"Five years later, a major industry in exploiting the events of September 11, 2001, seems to have emerged. Politicians implore us to remember 9/11 and in the same breath ask for our vote. Major entertainment companies fictionalize these events for movies and television in order to sell tickets and advertising. I've even seen one company selling 'commemorative coins' advertised as having been made from metal recovered from the site of the attacks.

"The tragedies of September 11, 2001, continue to affect me greatly. I took these attacks very personally. I grew up in a military family, and I have known many people who have worked in the Pentagon. I also used to work for a company that had offices on Broad Street in New York, quite close to the World Trade Center. To this day, I clearly remember the trauma of watching television at the gym when the news cameras caught the second plane strike live, and the pain I felt later watching live as each tower collapsed. My heart remains with all those who lost loved ones on that horrific day.

"I would like to implore everyone to remember 9/11 in their hearts and minds, and not with their wallets. I ask everyone to stand up and challenge anyone who distorts the events of 9/11 in an attempt to sway public opinion. I plead with all voters to make their choices on November 7 based on rational research into the candidates and issues, and not based on the emotions that 9/11 still conjures in all of us.

"September 11, 2001 was painful for all people of conscience. Those who choose to exploit it for personal gain should be ashamed of themselves."

Jim Keller is the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Congress representing California's 29th District (Pasadena - South Pasadena - Altadena - Alhambra - Burbank - Glendale - San Gabriel - Temple City), a seat currently held by Democratic incumbent Adam Schiff. Additional information on Jim Keller can be found online at <http://www.votekeller.org/> .

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