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WHY DOES RICK RENZI KEEP LYING ABOUT ELLEN SIMON?

LIES, MISREPRESENTATIONS, AND HALF-TRUTHS...RICK RENZI DOWN IN THE POLLS AND DESPERATE

(SEDONA) – With the latest poll numbers showing Democratic nominee Ellen Simon ahead of Rick Renzi 50% to 46%, Rick Renzi yesterday released a negative television ad against Simon laced with fallacious claims, outward lies, and bogus statements.

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Speaking about Renzi's ad, Simon's Communications Director, David Flaks said, "With the latest poll numbers showing Ellen Simon leading Rick Renzi, Renzi is desperately trying to draw attention away from his record of incompetence and corruption that landed him on the list of 13 most corrupt members of Congress." Flaks continued, "Rick Renzi is down in polls; now he's down in the mud. Rick Renzi's ad is sleazy politics and is exactly why Congress is such a mess. Ellen Simon is fed-up with it and that is why she is running to make a change. If you want change in Washington, change the people you send."

Renzi Claim #1: Over 100 elected Democrats oppose Ellen Simon.

FACT: Rick Renzi has a history of falsely claiming endorsements. Renzi created a major controversy last week by falsely claiming the endorsement of State Senator Albert Hale. When Senator Hale asked to be taken off Renzi's endorsement list, the Renzi campaign insulted Senator Hale and falsely claimed that he is a convicted felon. Senator Hale has demanded that Renzi issue an apology to him and the people of the Navajo Nation. Renzi also falsely claimed the endorsement of the *Arizona Republic*.

State Senator Albert Hale issued a press release which stated, "Putting my name on this list without my knowledge and formal authorization is both irresponsible and unacceptable. It is



unfortunate that Rick Renzi would choose to recklessly exploit my name in such a manner. It undermines his credibility.”

Ellen Simon has the full support of the Democratic Party, including Governor Napolitano and tens of thousands of Democratic voters who carried Ellen Simon to a landslide primary victory.

Renzi Claim #2: Ellen Simon was president of the ACLU.

FACT: Ellen Simon was never the President of the ACLU. Ellen Simon chaired the Cleveland chapter of the ACLU as a volunteer. She has never been employed by the ACLU.

Renzi Claim #3: One Democratic Mayor called Ellen Simon’s actions “utterly disgusting”.

FACT: The Mayor in reference is hardly a Democrat. He has endorsed George W. Bush, John Kyl and Rick Renzi. Mayor Green is not in good standing with the Graham County Democratic Party organization and is aligned with the party currently in control of Congress.

Renzi Claim #4: Ellen Simon defends hard criminals.

FACT: Ellen Simon has never represented a criminal defendant, or even tried a criminal case. Ellen Simon has spent her career fighting for the rights of individuals who have been wronged. Ellen Simon has had one of the most distinguished and successful legal careers in the U.S. and was instrumental in creating the field of employee protection law, winning numerous landmark cases for workers that others had turned their backs on. She fought for the rights of people who illegally lost their jobs because of age, gender and race discrimination. She defended workers who were fired for needing time off for cancer treatment. And she has stood by senior citizens who were abused in nursing homes.

Renzi Claim #5: Ellen Simon defended the Man/Boy Love Association.

FACT: Absolutely ridiculous. Ellen Simon has never defended the Man/Boy Love Association. As opposed to Rick Renzi and the Republican leadership who apparently sponsored the Congressional Chapter (see Mark Foley). Furthermore, Ellen Simon is disgusted by this organization and everything it stands for. The ACLU only has one client, the Bill of Rights. The ACLU does not defend organizations or people; they defend and protect the Bill of Rights and United States Constitution.

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