

Opening Statement for Candidate Forum on the Denver Channel. Oct 11, 2014

Hello, my name is Danny Stroud. I am running for congress because citizens of the District signed a petition to get me on the ballot. I am running as an independent candidate.

People want a choice because congress is crippled by **partisan politics** and by **politicians who do not represent the people.**

To many it seems like the current congress is **stuck on perpetual stupid.**

Congress cannot fulfill its obligation to **manage the country** and **standup to an over-ambitious president.**

How is it that we end up with **Obamacare** - a **complex, unworkable** idea that **costs too much**; is destroying the **best medical care system** in the world; and **robs you of your freedom of choice?**

How is it that we have the **highest corporate tax rates** in the world and yet still our debt grows every year?

How is it that we continue to fund unworkable ideas like **Solyndra** that smack of cronyism and stomp on the free markets?

Our **national spending is unsustainable.** The constant threat of a shutdown is unnecessary.

How is it that we have **become so vulnerable to disease and terrorists** just because we do not have the **courage to secure our borders?**

We need a new congress. We deserve a better congress.

America and the citizens of the 1st CD are too important to treat this way. I am running as an alternative to the ruling class, one-party approach that has become this district. Thank you.