

BETTY BURGMEIER

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Dear Friend:

I'm sure by now you've seen the yard signs, read a few flyers or maybe even heard a couple radio ads about the upcoming November elections.

But if you're like most hard-working Iowans with a busy schedule, I'm sure it's been hard to hear more than a sound byte or two or a simple slogan from the candidate.

Most of us just don't have the time to get to go out and meet our candidates face-to-face.

That's why I decided to write you this letter.

My name is Betty Burgmeier, and I'm writing you today to tell you a little bit about my husband, Stephen Burgmeier, who is running to be your next State Representative in District 90.

Stephen and I have been married now for 33 years, and I must say, it's been the happiest time of my life.

I first met Stephen at my junior prom.

Immediately, he caught my attention, and I just knew there was something special about him.

But it wasn't until the next summer that we started dating.

Needless to say, it didn't take long for him to steal my heart, and just two years later, we were married.

Together, Stephen and I have five beautiful children -- three boys and two girls.

I'm also proud to say that we've been blessed with three precious grandbabies!

Even before we were married, I knew Stephen would be a great father, and I can tell you I couldn't have asked for a better husband.

He has always worked hard to instill in our children -- and now our grandchildren -- the values of hard work, personal responsibility and love for God and country.

To this day, I still remember Stephen waking the kids up early to do their chores on the farm.

He would spend hours teaching them how to use the farm equipment, feed the animals or tend to whatever it was that needed fixing at the moment.

Of course, sometimes just getting the kids ready to do their chores took longer than the actual chores themselves, but Stephen was determined to build great character in them from a young age.

You see, Stephen isn't the wealthiest man, but he has always been the hardest working, and that's really what's made him into the man he is today.

I remember when we were just starting our new life together, Stephen decided to move us to Iowa so he could take a job at a hog confinement as a laborer.

And, with a lot of hard work, it wasn't long before Stephen was managing that confinement.

Today, Stephen is part owner of that same hog confinement, which is now called Hooter Lane Farms.

I know that, if elected as our State Representative, Stephen will carry out that same level of hard work and responsibility.

Even now, no matter how hectic things get at work, he still makes serving others a priority -- and somehow convinces the whole family to get involved.

You see, Stephen wants to make sure every Iowan is given the same opportunities our children and grandchildren have been given.

And that's one of the main reasons why improving our educational system here in Iowa is so important to Stephen.

He wants to see local parents and teachers who know what's best for their kids in charge of education.

I know that Stephen will be a State Representative every Iowan can be proud of.

That's why today I'm writing to ask for your help.

Won't you join our family in voting for Stephen on November 2?

I can tell you, if you vote for Stephen, you won't be sorry you did.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Betty Burgmeier

P.S. My husband, Stephen, is running for State Representative right here in District 90 where you and I live.

If you want a Representative in Des Moines who you know you can always depend on, and who will listen to the concerns of the folks that elected him, then I ask you to vote for my husband, Stephen, on November 2.

Stephen will fight for our shared values in Des Moines!