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Suzan DelBene Demonstrates Early Strength in 1st Congressional District Race
Entering the race less than three weeks ago, candidate has already raised more than \$120,000

Kirkland (Feb. 1) –Former entrepreneur and business executive Suzan DelBene today announced that she has raised more than \$122,250 in campaign contributions since announcing her candidacy for the open 1st Congressional District seat on January 12.

The total DelBene has raised -- in the less than three weeks since she entered the race -- compares very favorably with the amounts raised by other declared candidates over the last three months of 2011. For instance, candidate Darcy Burner reported today having raised only \$127,875 -- about the same as DelBene -- in her first two months in the race.

Between January 12 and the end of the month, DelBene has raised a total of \$122,250 putting the campaign off to a very strong fundraising start. All of that money came from donor contributions, none from DelBene herself. In addition to the more than \$120,000 raised so far, DelBene, who challenged Republican Rep. Dave Reichert in the 8th Congressional District in 2010, also has \$37,358 left over from the previous campaign that will be transferred to the current effort.

"I am honored by the support that has been pouring in," DelBene said. "It is a clear indication that Democrats and Independents in the 1st Congressional District are looking for a candidate experienced in both government and the private sector, one willing to offer thoughtful solutions to the problems we face as a country, and one who is best positioned to defeat Tea Party Republican John Koster in November."

"I want to thank everyone that has been willing to step up so quickly to offer their help and financial support," DelBene said. "We have a lot of work to do to ensure the eventual success of this effort, but we are off to a great start."

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