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[LEBANON, ILLINOIS, 03/20] - "Unfortunately, the establishment has won, not only in my own race, but all over our state.

"Military industrial contractors and their politicians will continue fueling fires with newly inflated US dollars, while innocents die in droves and our economy continues its downward spiral.

"The hopeless despair of bipartisan dysfunction continues it's catastrophic cacophony.

"Mr. Bost spoke last night of GDP numbers. Well the drones and the bombs they look good on paper, but they don't lift anyone out of poverty. They don't better anyone's standard of living. The establishment's economy is not productive; it's destructive, and then it embezzles more money that we don't have while cleaning up the mess. Did they learn nothing in Vietnam, Afghanistan, or Syria? Well, I think that someone learned something: just how much money they can make.

"They are a powerful establishment. No one said it was going to be easy. What I can say is that next time I do this, I will not need their help.

"I only hope to be able to effect real hope and change before inflation gets any worse, before public health gets any worse, before anymore innocents are made victims of politicorporate wars.

"As for the Democratic Party, if they do not change their ways, then it will suffer the death it deserves. As more voters leave their ranks, those stubborn committees will be remembered for the late Bush-Biden Neocons it maintained in Washington who wrought havoc in the world and our economy for decades, only to be continuously awarded with reelection.

"That party proves this year its penchant for pushing insubstantial, lifeless candidates having no more capability or intent to run our nation than their own campaign.

"The dysfunction is tragically convenient for the corporate establishment, since it prefers puppets who will vote as ordered for more of the same crony spending, albeit to our nation's and world's major detriment.

"Despite the troubling reality, there is hope. Spring has sprung, the sun is shining, and the coffee smells great. I only hope to continue being able to afford my morning lattes before they inflate away the price of coffee.

"Finally, thanks to the volunteers, supporters, and the thousands of Illinoisans who voted for me, who wanted, believed in, and gave real hope and real change a chance. In the grand scheme, we are only just getting started."

-Preston Gabriel Nelson