

**Oregon Chamber of Commerce
Portland, Sierra**



Good evening, everyone.

It's so good to be back in Portland today. I've spent a lot of time travelling across our state this week, trying to get our team of amazing progressive candidates elected, and it's good to be home.

Of course, I wish this could be a pleasure trip—a picnic down by the Coast with the family, or a hike up the Mountain, or maybe a quick shopping trip north to the 'couve. But unfortunately, it's business that brings me back to the city today.

I refer, of course, to the race to elect the next congressman who will represent the people of the Third District in Washington.

What's at stake is far more than just one House seat—it's our relationship with Washington: will we work together in a spirit of cooperative federalism, or will we continue on America's current path with President Gunnz's, where the states have had to sue the President just to get him to do his job?

I think it's quite obvious that it's not the Republican nominee, Mr. ArseneDantes, who will deliver the solutions we need here in Oregon. Just like his predecessor, he will remain quiet in the face of radical GOP attacks on the rights of Sierrans. Where was he, or his predecessor, when President Gunnz attempted to take away Medicaid from millions of needy Americans based on a petty argument with Lincoln's governor? Where

is he right now, as our state suffers from the impacts of climate change and reckless oil development?

His track record speaks for itself.

When the entire Sierra congressional delegation—Democrat and Republican alike—stood side-by-side to demand fiscal responsibility and oppose a crooked stadium deal for the Chargers, Congressman ArseneDantes instead stood with the billionaire team owner against Sierra's taxpayers.

When the House GOP introduced a radical bill to gut Social Security and deny benefits to millions of Americans who've paid into the system their entire lives, Congressman ArseneDantes was right there voting alongside them.

And when it came time to help the people of Sierra and Lincoln in our time of need—after the Keystone Pipeline leak contaminated Ogallala Aquifer—Congressman ArseneDantes put party over country and voted against the relief package.

That's not leadership—that's failure. And it's what the people of the Third District will continue to get unless we stand up and say: enough is enough.

I've lived here in Portland all my life, and let me tell you—we know when someone ain't from around here. And let me tell you guys: Congressman ArseneDantes ain't from around here.

He doesn't know our values, he doesn't fight for our interests, and he's not on our side when it counts.

That's why I'm proud to endorse my friend and colleague tgx_slurp for Congress today. I've gotten to know Mr. Slurp quite well as a result of our discussions on the future of America's energy policy. As a former US Energy Secretary, let me tell you: I know that Mr. Slurp has the bold vision and innovative ideas that will make him a climate leader in Congress.

As global scientists have warned us, we have a little under twelve years to take decisive action when it comes to climate change. If we don't overhaul our unsustainable way of life within the decade, we will be condemning millions of Americans in coastal communities, in drought-affected regions, and in wildfire-prone forests to decades of suffering. Yet, thanks to President Gunnz, the White House has done nothing to combat the climate emergency over his entire term.

That's why, more than ever, we need members of Congress to step up to the plate. As your Senator, I was proud to introduce a landmark bill to change the way the federal

government does climate research, and as your Governor, I know that Mr. Slurp will pick up the torch and continue to fight for our lands and waters.

His bold plans on nuclear and renewable energy will lower carbon emissions across America and put us on track to meet our Paris Accords targets, while his unwavering faith in our innovative high-tech sector here in Sierra will keep federal investments flowing to important environmental research.

On Election Day, when you stand in front of the ballot box, I ask you think: who really has your interests at heart? Who will stand up for your needs, and not just those of billionaire stadium owners or multinational oil companies? Who has a proven record of environmental leadership?

To me, the answer is obvious. I hope it'll be to you too.

Thank you all very much, and have a good night.