

## Phyllis Mason Statement

Since 9-11, I have become increasingly aware of the discrepancy between the official version of the events of that day and what are referred to as conspiracy theories. Finding that there is so much to read and to listen to on this subject, I continued to pursue it. More and more, it appears that our government has lied to us, operates in secrecy and has no concern for public opinion. I consider 9-11 the pretext for war in Afghanistan, just as weapons of mass destruction were the pretext for war in Iraq. Much legislation has also followed since 9-11, most of it unconstitutional and in violation of our civil rights. To me things are going from bad to worse. Our debt is increasing exponentially. Our Congress allows the war in Iraq to continue and our administration to break every law. I have never been Ms. Civic Minded, but there is a limit. Now, if I can support anyone who has principles that I believe in, I will do so. So I support Richard Duffee.

I am excited by this campaign or I wouldn't be in it. We seldom hear candidates speak of the Constitution, the rule of law, or civil rights. Possibly we hear of human rights violations in other places, but most people complacently assume we are secure from this in the U.S. If the matter of our rights being abrogated is brought up, we are assured that it is necessary for "homeland security." I think it is necessary for the public to take a closer look at the situation. Certainly there are many authors who have done so, but now the general public needs to be made more aware of what is happening and to take action. This is the place to be to become informed instead of repeatedly dumbed down as we have been so much for so long that we don't even notice it.