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**Congressman Carney's extended remarks from
announcement video**

On one of my first nights in Washington, right after I was sworn in as Delaware's lone Congressman, I walked out of the Library of Congress with my wife Tracey. Looming right in front of us was the Capitol dome, lit up in the dark sky. It was majestic and overwhelming. I turned to Tracey and said, "we're not in Dover any more."

Six years later, after witnessing the partisanship and gridlock that takes place underneath that shiny dome, and seeing the opportunities we have in Delaware to get things done, I can tell you that there's no place like home.

We have a lot to be thankful for as Delawareans. Unlike Washington, our government does work. Our business community is strong. We live in a great location with a cost of living that's more affordable than states around us. Our arts community, and our parks and beaches, are second to none.

For many, Delaware is one of the very best places to live and work and raise a family.

But for too many of our neighbors, the opportunities are too few

And for too many of our children, the future is too uncertain.

I'm running for governor because I want every Delawarean to succeed here. Whether you're the line worker who lost a job in manufacturing, or his daughter, trying to find her way in an economy that's changing right before our eyes.

The challenges we have to solve are difficult. Today in Delaware, we're facing an economic future that will look very different from our past.

When I was growing up in Claymont, it seemed like every other driveway on my street had a car going to work at DuPont in the morning. The parents of my friends were welders at Edgemoor or secretaries downtown. Other neighbors worked at the steel mill, or at one of Delaware's two automobile plants. They were good paying jobs that could last a lifetime.

Not anymore.

Creating good paying jobs that can support working families, like those at the Star Refinery and the Port of Wilmington, need to remain a top priority. But Delaware's next governor also needs to lead our state through the transition to an innovation economy, where we're not only the first state when it comes to incorporating a company, but also the First State when it comes to growing a company.

Success depends on the strength of our workforce. As governor, you won't find a stronger advocate for building Delaware's workforce and helping Delaware's workers succeed.

I've been a resident of the city of Wilmington for the past thirty years. Tracey and I raised our two boys there. I love walking my dog in Brandywine Park. I love going out to eat along the Riverfront. And I loved coaching in basketball leagues all across the city. So when I open the paper and see a mug shot of a boy I coached against, or read about a kid killed in the streets who played basketball against my sons, my heart breaks.

The violence in Wilmington is terrorizing families in crime-ridden neighborhoods. It's putting an entire generation of children at risk.

And it's not just Wilmington's problem. Tens of thousands of Delawareans count on jobs in the city. And the city depends on the success of its businesses. We all have a vital stake, and a compelling responsibility, to make Wilmington healthy again.

Part of the solution is in our schools. Every Delaware child deserves a world-class education. Many of our schools have made great strides in recent years, and we have a lot to be proud of. But the truth is, we need to do better in overall student achievement, especially for poor and minority students.

Our kids need to be able to compete in an increasingly global economy. Better jobs and a growing economy depend on businesses being able to hire enough well-trained, well-educated workers.

When I visit schools I hear from teachers and principals that they want fewer administrative burdens, and more help in the classroom. Our education system needs to be more flexible. We need to provide the resources each school -- and each child -- needs. As governor, I want to create the flexibility to make public education work better for the children it serves.

One of the most difficult challenges next year will be balancing the state's budget. With some of our revenues in decline and the cost of government continuing to grow, it's time to take a hard look at state spending and how we pay for it.

Business as usual in Dover is not sustainable. A budget reset is long overdue.

None of this will be easy, of course.

We will try things that won't work. And we will make mistakes along the way. It will mean tough choices. It will mean agreeing to disagree.

But it will also mean listening to you. And it will mean working as hard as I can, day and night, for you. I'll never forget who I work for. And I'll always tell it like it is. You can trust me to make the hard decisions to meet our state's serious challenges.

It's what I've tried to do every single day since you first gave me the privilege of representing you.

I remember last year, when I went to the UAW's holiday party. There was an old retired Chrysler worker who said to me, "You know, I worked at Chrysler for 30 years. I made a good living, supported my family, liked going to work every day. And if there's one thing I learned, it's if you have a good job, you keep it. Why the heck are you running for governor?"

I'm going into this with my eyes wide open. I know the job ahead will be difficult.

But I'm running for governor because our state needs someone with the vision and courage to lead Delaware into the future.

I'm ready for that job.

Thank you for your support and God bless our great state.