## Welcome to our "Second Set of Eyes" program.

Editing and writing services for candidates.

As someone who has run or who may be running again for office – and especially if you're a first-time candidate – you live in a world where every word counts. You need just the right bullet points, stated in a clear and compelling way, to get the attention of voters, contributors and the media.

A well-structured turn of a phrase in a speech can make the difference between getting your point across or not, between enthusiastic applause and your audience tuning you out and checking their cell phones, between attracting the contributions you need and not even covering the costs of your fundraiser. A cleanly written palm card or mailer can help you stand out in a crowded field of opponents when being ordinary won't cut it.

This is where we come in. Send us something that you've been using or a draft document. We'll take a look and give you detailed, helpful comments that will make it even better.

We are not a proofreading service. We do "messaging." We're the people you hire to make sure your materials communicate the points you're trying to make in a convincing and compelling way.

Yes, we'll mention typos and grammatical errors if we find any, but that's not who we are. We're *Writeaway*. What we do is use words to help our clients sell themselves, their business products and services and their ideas to voters and prospective customers, contributors, investors and lenders.

In short, we're a company of writers and editors who specialize in "messaging." We help our clients communicate more effectively.

Just sending out a mailing, making a speech, publishing your positions on a campaign website or writing an op/ed piece isn't enough. Your materials have to be well-written or you're wasting time, money and, quite possibly, making the wrong impression.

How does our "**Second Set of Eyes**" program work? It's simple. You send us the copy you'd like us to review. We'll read it and give you detailed notes, comments and suggestions that will significantly improve the effectiveness of your piece. ...And if you need us to rewrite or write something from scratch, we do that too.

**Pricing.** We price our services to take into account, not just the scope and duration of the engagement, but also what you can afford. How do we charge for all this? We charge either by the engagement or on a subscription basis for a modest monthly fee that's affordable to even smaller, first-time, less well-funded campaigns. In fact, our

subscriptions for editing services begin as low as just \$100/month – depending upon our estimate of the hours you need. And, because it's our nature, we always give our subscription clients more hours than they're buying.

Why don't we charge by the hour? Two reasons. For one thing, every engagement involves a unique mix of creative writing, editing, thinking, research and interaction with our clients. In other words, every hour we work isn't the same. Far from it. And because, honestly, we want the flexibility to charge different corporate, political and other non-profit clients differently – depending upon what they can afford and precisely what we've been hired to do.

Interested? Contacting us by phone or email doesn't cost you a dime. And we'll edit the first document you send us – up to 5 typed pages or 1000 words – for free, just to prove to you that our services are what we've promised them to be.

Here's a list of some of the types of work we do for our political clients...

- Palm cards, fliers and pamphlets.
- Position paper research and composition.
- Special materials for prospective contributors.
- Website content.
- Speeches.
- Editing of existing materials and draft documents to improve their effectiveness.
- Press releases.
- Ad and commercial copy.
- Interview and debate preparation.
- Doorhangers and other canvassing materials.
- Assistance with campaign strategy design.
- Op/eds and letters to the editor.

Every piece on which we work is reviewed by a second Writeaway writer/editor before it is released to our clients.

It's not just about you hiring us and then we'll get back to you. No. You and Writeaway? We're a team. We work with you and your staff to develop superior products. At their best, successful writing and editing are collaborative activities.

We work for candidates from any party, that is we're not exclusively either a Democrat, Republican or other party shop. We will, however, refuse work, the content or objective of which is problematic. We'll work like crazy to help you, but always with integrity and kindness. If you think you have to be mean or untruthful to win, you don't.

Needless to say, we never work for more than one candidate currently running for the same position. And everything you send us, everything about our relationship, even including the fact that we have one, is strictly confidential.

So you think it's too far out from Election Day to get started? Messaging takes time. The more time you have, the greater your chances of winning. If you're seriously thinking about running, the sooner we get started, the better.

Thank you for reading about our "**Second Set of Eyes Program**." We're looking forward to hearing from you and to helping you make sure your next campaign is successful.

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