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ALLENTOWN – In her first major public address as the Democratic candidate for the Lehigh Valley’s Congressional district, Sam Bennett took the Bush Administration to task for driving the American economy into ruin with a failed war and policies designed to value corporations over people.

“I am running for Congress because I have a conscience,” said Bennett, an entrepreneur, non-profit executive, and civic leader, “I am running for Congress because I have the creativity, ingenuity, and pragmatism that solving these problems will require.

“Congressman Dent has helped create these problems,” said Bennett, “with a voting record in lockstep with George Bush. I would like to go to Washington to help solve them.”

For the last 30 years, Sam Bennett has tackled problems in her community with tremendous dedication and energy – when the politicians were sitting by the sidelines. As Executive Director of Properties of Merit of PA (www.mypom.org), she has revitalized communities and created jobs by bringing older and challenged communities back to life. Other civic work includes resuscitating the Mayfair Festival of the Arts, creating the educational advocacy organization Good Neighbors, and co-founding the student-led William Allen Construction Co., a nationally unique public-private partnership to teach job skills to teenagers.

In a year in which Democratic voter turnout looks to be at an all-time high, political observers have said that Bennett, running for a Democratic-majority district, has a shot at adding another Democrat to the Pennsylvania delegation – and only its second woman.

“I know that Rep. Dent will have the backing, in this race, of the national GOP with its Karl Rove tactics,” said Bennett. “I’m not afraid. This is my community. This is my home. This is the place where my children will grow up. I simply have to fight for our future.”

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