

# **Gilbert Baker to Run for U.S. Senate**

## ***Says Need for Checks and Balances in Washington Trumps Being a Political Spectator***

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Conway – State Senator Gilbert Baker (bio attached) announced today that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate in 2010.

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Baker will spend the month of September travelling the state raising money, speaking to groups, visiting with grassroots supporters, and developing a campaign infrastructure.

"We have set modest fundraising and organizational goals as we begin this process," commented Baker.

"However, let me be clear, I believe any viable challenger to Senator Lincoln must possess the ability to raise a significant amount of money in order to get his or her message out to the people of Arkansas." Baker closed, "I look forward to a spirited primary campaign and a vigorous debate about the many issues facing Arkansas."

A formal campaign kick-off will be planned for October.

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