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My career in politics began at the age of eight when I placed a Barry Goldwater bumper sticker on the back of my red wagon. Although I still believe that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice, I soon realized that I was backing the wrong party. In 1964, Goldwater went on to say, "And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue!"

Although John Edwards is not a radical, he also does not believe in moderation in the pursuit of justice.

I am supporting John Edwards because he does not believe in the tired Democratic Party politics of triangulation and me-too-ism. He has a strong progressive agenda for rebuilding America. I am especially impressed with him because he is the only candidate talking explicitly about halting the hollowing out of our nation's economy. Also, as a person whose career as a writer and information technology professional has mostly been spent in work which is not eligible for health insurance, I am very excited about his strong plan for truly universal health care. I spent several years working in the climatic research field, with the Army Corps of Engineers and with a small consulting firm, and I applaud his positions on green energy and global climate change. More recently, I spent some time working in the educational testing industry, and I agree with Senator Edwards that we need to scrap No Child Left Behind and stop the misuse of standardized testing.

I live in Durham, where I am a member of the town party committee. When I previously lived in West Lebanon, I served for a year as the chairman of the City of Lebanon's Democratic committee. In 1988, I was a staffer for the Dukakis for President committee. One of the highlights of my Dukakis experience was being part of the crew which was in charge of visibility on the floor of the Atlanta convention. I would be honored to be a delegate at the Denver convention 20 years later.

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