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KRATOVIL ENCOURAGED BY LATEST POLL RESULTS

STEVENSVILLE, MD (June 6, 2008). Maryland First Congressional District candidate Frank Kratovil is encouraged by a recent poll that shows the gap between him and his opponent is closing and that Kratovil holds a significant lead among those voters that are familiar with both candidates.

"I think this is very exciting news, and shows that as voters become more aware of the candidates in this race, we will continue to solidify our lead," said Kratovil.

The poll, conducted just over a month ago by Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group, found that among likely general election voters in the First District, the candidates are separated by a single digit margin. This compares to a January poll, commissioned by the NRCC that showed Harris leading by 15 points. Among voters who are familiar with both Kratovil and Harris, however, Kratovil actually takes the lead, 45 to 38 percent.

"Although Andrew Harris has higher name recognition (53%) than Mr. Kratovil (35%), much of that advantage comes from the fact that Harris spent \$1.4 million to win the Republican primary, while Mr. Kratovil spent ZERO dollars on broadcast television. Once Mr. Kratovil gets on television as well and increases his name recognition and profile, his support also should increase (as evidenced by Kratovil's lead among voters who know both candidates)." said pollster Fred Yang.

The poll found that voters were very concerned about the economic policies that have led to the high price of gas and energy. The poll also found a strong desire for change from the Bush administration's foreign policy.

"I have been saying for months that we need a real change not only in the way we approach the issues, but in the way we conduct our politics, and I am very encouraged to see that this message of positive change is resonating strongly with the voters of my district," said Kratovil.

"I expect this to be a very high profile race, and a very public debate on issues critical to Maryland voters. We are very excited to discover that as this race progresses and people begin to focus on the issues, this poll has shown that our position will only strengthen," said Kratovil.

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