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GREEN BAY - Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris has announced his candidacy to replace U.S. Rep. Tom Petri in Wisconsin's Republican-leaning 6th Congressional District. Harris will run as a Democrat.

According to Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chairman Mike Tate:

*"The hard working people of the 6th Congressional District have a chance to vote for someone who will fight for them in Washington and not large special interests.*

*"We're thrilled that County Executive Mark Harris will enter the race to succeed Rep. Tom Petri. His experience with balancing budgets and reducing debts, coupled with his solid stance on the issues, will make him a very formidable candidate for the seat. If elected, Harris will be a breath of fresh air compared to the extreme Tea Party antics that pervade Washington and create the gridlock we see in Congress today.*

*"We are confident that our open primary process will yield the strongest possible candidate next year."*