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Dear Fellow Republican,

First allow us to introduce our candidate. Steve Spear has lived in Cooks Mills for nearly 20 years, with his wife and three children. His work history includes farming, construction, truck driving and six years in the Marine Corps culminating with an Honorable Discharge. He is currently a Patrol Sergeant with the Sheriff's office where he has worked since 2000. He began his career as a correctional officer, then correctional shift supervisor until he was promoted to patrol officer. Since then he has worked as a patrolman, detective, task force narcotics officer, patrol sergeant, range master, and traffic crash investigator, S.W.A.T. officer, sniper, and S.W.A.T. team commander.

He is the Republican candidate for Sheriff of Coles County. As citizens and tax payers of this county we need a sheriff who is accessible, we need a sheriff who is fiscally responsible. We need a sheriff who still considers law enforcement as the main function of the sheriff's office, and most of all we need a sheriff to be a leader. We believe that his leadership, experience and training have given him the ability to lead the officers, deal with citizens concerns, and manage departmental issues effectively.

The current sheriff has failed to attend county board meetings, 911 board meetings, training board meetings, and drug task force board meetings. He has continually failed to attend mandatory firearms trainings and two of the three yearly qualifications during his tenure, and he has not filed an annual report since taking office. As your sheriff Steve will attend all required meetings, keep regular office hours and be available to you.

We believe the sheriff should be accessible and accountable to the tax payers, county board, and the officers he leads. As your sheriff he will consider rural patrol as a priority. Rural crime is rising and you deserve a sheriff who will listen to you as citizens and respond to your needs properly and proficiently. As your sheriff he will be fiscally conservative and responsible to the citizens of Coles County.

We need a true Republican sheriff. He will return accountability, responsibility, and leadership to the Sheriff's Office and with your help we can make it happen. Finally we are asking for your support and vote in the primary election March 20, 2018. Thank you for your time please feel free to contact us anytime if you have any questions.

Citizens to elect Steve Spear
Republican Candidate for Sheriff.