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Re not running again. "The thing that cinched it for me was when I saw that we spent \$150,000 on the campaign. That was just too rich for my blood. I couldn't go around every two years dunning my friends for that kind of money--especially not in a seat that wasn't viable for the Republicans anyway. It was easy when you spent \$25-35,000. Then you could go around and collect \$100 here and \$100 there. But not the huge amounts. We found out our opponent ended up spending \$495,000."

Said he had no regrets and didn't miss it. "It seems so long ago."

Interesting thing is that guy may be willing to spend a lot of money once or even twice--but not to hold onto a marginal, declining seat.

\* // Clearly, it's getting harder & harder & people like that get ground down. I suppose people who try twice & fail to win do, quit. So to people try to hang on sometimes quit when it gets too hard--they can't stand the idea of losing so they quit rather than a run and more difficult too.