Farris condemns Bachmann's claim of government infiltration by extremist Islamic group

MERIDIAN, Idaho- Today 1st Congressional District candidate Jimmy Farris praised Congressman Mike Simpson for condemning Congresswoman Michele Bachmann's claim that the U.S. government has been infiltrated by the Muslim Brotherhood.

Congressman Simpson spoke out against Bachmann's claims Friday, calling them "outrageous" and "a bad reflection on all Republicans." Farris commended Simpson for speaking out strongly against Bachmann's claim, which dredges up the specter of McCarthyism.

"I commend Congressman Simpson on his willingness to take such a strong stand against a fellow Republican for her disturbing and inflammatory statements," said Farris. "I call on Congressman Labrador to do the same."

According to the Idaho Statesman, Congressman Raul Labrador claimed to lack sufficient information to criticize Bachmann, saying, "I would hope that she's smart enough to have enough evidence to make a statement like that." Arizona Senator John McCain, Speaker of the House John Boehner and Congressman Simpson have all come out strongly against Bachmann's statement. McCain said the attack has "no logic, no basis, and no merit, and has to stop."

"I find it hard to believe that Congressman Labrador doesn't have enough information to form an opinion about Bachmann's statement," said Farris. "When will he have enough information? Senator McCain, who is Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, spoke out against Bachmann. Speaker Boehner spoke out against Bachmann. Congressman Simpson spoke out against Bachmann. What exactly does Labrador need to form an opinion? Congressman Labrador's failure to display leadership once again proves that he puts political grandstanding above doing what's right."