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Rock Icon Supports Obama

'The Boss' wades into presidential politics

(AP) — After vowing not to get involved in this year's presidential election, Bruce Springsteen is supporting Barack Obama again, saying he believes Obama is the best person to lead America.

The Boss posted a message on his website last week endorsing Obama's re-election, saying he had been "getting asked a lot about where I stand." Springsteen made his debut on the 2012 campaign trail Thursday at events in Cleveland



Rock star Bruce Springsteen embraces President Barack Obama in his campaign for re-election.

and Ames, Iowa, with former President Bill Clinton.

Springsteen supported Obama in 2008. In his letter, he called Obama's four years in office "a really rough ride" because of the "economic chaos" from President George W. Bush's administration and "the extraordinary intensity of the opposition."

But the 63-year-old rock star said he's behind Obama because of the president's views on the rights of women and gays, ending the war in Iraq and tracking down Osama bin Laden.

"Right now, there is a fight going on to help make this a fairer and more equitable nation. For me, President Obama is our best choice to get us and keep us moving in the right

direction," he wrote.

Springsteen said Obama, who is facing Republican rival Mitt Romney in November, needs increased support from Congress if America wants the next four years to be effective.

"He needs support in the Congress, where some sterling candidates, such as current Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio, challenger Elizabeth Warren in Massachusetts, and so many others, are fighting to make their constructive voices heard," he wrote.

The rock icon added that the division of wealth in the United States is a great issue and that Obama "is our best choice to begin to reverse this harmful development."



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Displays and information will be geared to children, but everyone is welcome to attend this fun, free event.

MHCC students and employees will serve as guides, as well as face

painters and storytellers who will share some entertaining fish tales. The college's mascot, Barney the St. Bernard, and Smokey the Bear will each make an appearance!

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