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Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) today released the following statement upon the declaration of Governor Nelson Rockefeller for the Republican nomination for the Presidency of the United States:

"I am happy to see Governor Rockefeller make this decision to enter the race.

"His candidacy will contribute to a meaningful dialogue within our own party, such as we are seeing within the Democratic party at this time.

"His entry has an added advantage for the Republican candidate—he be Nixon or Rockefeller—in that it will generate additional news coverage which has been lacking since former Vice President Nixon has been without opposition."

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