Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Akin released the following statement regarding his interview with Tony Perkin's regarding NBC's redaction of "under God" from its broadcast of the pledge of allegiance during the U.S. Open.

"People, who know me and my family, know that we take our faith and beliefs very seriously. As Christians, we would never question the sincerity of anyone's personal relationship with God. My statement during my radio interview was directed at the political movement, Liberalism not at any specific individual. If my statement gave a different impression, I offer my apologies.

"My point was to object to the systematic assault that attempts to remove any reference to God from the public square.

"NBC's recent action only highlighted the continuing battle for those of us who believe that removing references to God go contrary to the Judeo-Christian heritage our nation was founded on- the belief that our inalienable rights come from God himself, and the freedom to live our lives and worship as we see fit."