

## Press Release – For immediate Release

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To: All voters in the 13<sup>th</sup> State Senate District

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Watertown, WI – We are one week away from the 2021 spring general election. I joined the republican in early 2000 with the express purpose of making it a more conservative party. I succeeded in beating a RINO in the November 2004 primary election by a mere 200 votes and spent the next 10 years in the Assembly. During that time, I focused on education issues and election law. I was a strong supporter of Act 10 and sponsored election law legislation that improved observer rights and photo ID. I even sponsored an immigration bill that would have made sanctuary cities illegal and added daily penalties for non-compliance.

Now it seems I have come full circle. I along with my loving wife Tina, are again fighting the republican establishment. In 2013 I ran for DPI Superintendent. I received no support from Governor Walker or the party. Why? Had they supported me and allowed me to get another 10% of the vote, I would still be at DPI, Walker would still be our governor and we would not be asking the question of why we are failing our kids in public schools and producing people that think socialism might be worth another try. A good example of the short sightedness of the republican party.

One of the reasons I ran for the 13<sup>th</sup> senate seat was the fact that the senate education committee chair, Luther Olson was retiring. The second reason was that at a fundraising event at Turner Hall in Watertown, state senator Scott Fitzgerald, who I knew would win his congressional seat, told me in a face-to-face conversation that he was not going to endorse anyone to replace him. That promise was soon broken.

Now I am fighting the establishment again who would rather a have a go-along-to-get-along senator who does not make waves, never questions leadership and has been called lazy by his own colleges. And as an assemblyman has shown no leadership or has authored little to no legislation even when it comes to fighting voter fraud.

I am a True Conservative Trumpster, endorsed by Pro-Life Wisconsin, am Pro 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, Pro-America Fiscal Conservative with a track record of fighting for conservative causes. I am a problem-solving engineer who is principled and tenacious. I would be honored if you would write me in on the April 6<sup>th</sup> ballot.