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MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Henderson

State Representative
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Dear Representative

I am excited to announce to the caucus that I am seeking your support for the position of Speaker Pro-Tem. It is my belief that the position of Speaker Pro-Tem is all about serving the members of the House of Representatives and the caucus.

In this position, I intend to make sure that the goals of the Caucus are clearly articulated to the leadership team. The experience I have accumulated over the years has led me to understand leadership is about being able to stand strong when necessary, and being able to put aside your ego for the good of the group. It is my belief that leadership positions are created to serve the caucus, not for those positions to control the caucus. We are all public servants and as such should understand that we serve our constituents and the leaders serve to help caucus members.

I have a background in farming from my earliest days and in education during my adult life. I think this background serves me well in this body. I have found with age comes wisdom but more so age allows us to speak up when necessary without fear of the consequences and to listen when necessary. I have found that we learn more from listening to people than from trying to lead them where they do not want to go.

My intention is to serve as a conduit for your voices to help the leadership team make decisions that serve the best interest of everyone. We have many great challenges ahead of us. We are currently dealing with a federal government that is pushing an agenda down to us as state leaders that is repugnant. I am very proud of what we have done to protect our way of life over the five years I have been fortunate to serve in this body. I am confident that we can do more over the next three years. The best way to meet all of our goals is to work together. The most frustrating thing I have heard from many caucus members is dealing with the flow of information. I can help with that and intend to do so. I feel I have developed strong relationships during my years in the House and will continue to make sure communication with all members of the caucus takes place.

I look very forward to talking with each of you and listening to your vision. If we all work together we can make a better Missouri for the people of this great state.

Sincerely,

Mike Henderson