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SCOTT ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MINNESOTA HOUSE

Peggy Scott today announced her candidacy for Minnesota House District 49A (Andover and Ham Lake). Scott made her decision after incumbent state Representative Chris DeLaForest decided not to seek a fourth term.

Her motivation for running stems from what she sees as a lack of new ideas and leadership on the part of the DFL legislative majority. “The only solutions they offer are more and more tax increases. The problem isn’t under-taxation. Instead, it’s an unwillingness to reform government and cut spending,” said Scott.

Scott then outlined her legislative agenda, which is focused on education, health care, transportation, and taxes.

Regarding education, she stated that her priority would be equalizing state aid for schools. “The problem isn’t how much the state is funding education. Rather, it’s the way the aid is distributed. For years, our local schools have received far less than other districts. Last year, the DFL made the problem worse, which is one of the reasons our schools are forced to out for levies. A child in Andover shouldn’t be treated worse than a child in Minneapolis.”

Scott’s health care agenda is based upon a philosophy of putting patients in charge of their health care decisions and promoting competition among health care providers. She strongly opposes government-run health care schemes. “Government-run health care will only result in lower quality and even rationing. “I want to put patients, not bureaucrats, in charge.”

Transportation is also a priority for Scott. “Our roads and bridges have indeed been neglected. However, the neglect comes from a lack of priorities, not a lack of taxation. For decades, politicians in Saint Paul and Washington have raided the transportation fund. I’ll fight to end the raids and get road monies back where they belong,” she remarked.

Her fourth priority is taxes. “Minnesota’s high tax, high regulation mentality is killing jobs and causing economic distress. Our prosperity depends upon our ability to attract and retain high quality jobs. We need to lower the cost of doing business in Minnesota.” Scott adds, “The last thing Minnesota families need in this time of economic uncertainty, is a higher tax burden. Rather, a tax cut would stimulate economic growth. Tax cuts work in this regard every time they are tried.”

Scott, of Andover, is a small business owner and a licensed realtor. She and her husband, David, own and operate Scott Property Investments, LLC. Her experience as a small business owner will allow her to be an effective legislator on day one, she observed. “As a small business owner, I know how to manage a budget and read a balance sheet. I’m also familiar with the state’s business and tax laws. I’ll be ready on day one to lead the march for change our state so desperately needs.”

Peggy and David have lived in Andover for 12 years with their children, Conner, age 14 and Shae, Age 12.

Scott currently serves on the Andover Parks and Rec Commission. She is a vice-chair of Senate District 49A Republicans and has worked on several campaigns. She is a member of Meadow Creek Church where she has been involved in the women’s and youth ministries. Scott has also coached basketball and soccer

In her leisure, Scott enjoys time and activities with family and friends as well as reading and physical fitness.

Scott will seek the Republican endorsement at their convention on February 23rd.

Citizens with questions or comments about Scott’s candidacy are encouraged to call her at 763-434-6282 or email her at peggy@scott49a.com.