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Rep. Jason Smith's Mobile Office to Visit Stoddard County - Change of Location

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WHO:	Representative Jason Smith's Staff
WHAT:	Mobile Office in Stoddard County
WHEN:	Thursday, February 16, 2017 1:00pm to 2:00pm
WHERE:	City of Dexter Municipal Building 119 Vine St Dexter, MO 63841

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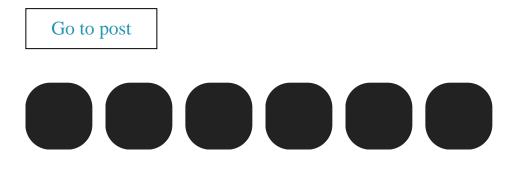
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WHEN: Thursday, February 16, 2017 1:00pm to 2:00pm
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Sen. Doug Libla Named Chairman of Senate Small Business Committee

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Jefferson City, Missouri - Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard, R-Joplin, announced Sen. Doug Libla, R-Poplar Bluff, will serve as Chairman of the Senate Small Business and Industry Committee during the 99th General Assembly.

"It is an honor to have been named Chairman of the Small Business and Industry Committee," Sen. Libla said. "I look forward to working with committee members to ensure the passage of meaningful legislation. Remember, if there is a bill that you are passionate about, the best way to make a difference is by visiting your State Capitol and testifying at the committee hearing." The committee shall consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the ownership and operation of small businesses. The committee shall also debate, study, and hear public testimony on legislation relating to labor management, fair employment standards, worker's compensation and employment security within the state and shall examine legislation relating to industrial development.

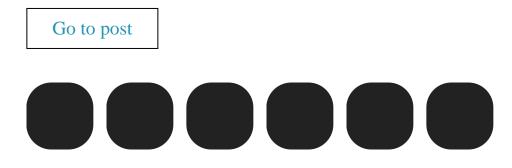
Several key issues are expected to be brought before the committee, such as workforce and economic development, tort reform, and unemployment insurance. "I recognize the importance of these issues to every Missourian," Sen. Libla said. "Missouri faces a number of economic challenges, with job creation and retention being at the top of the list. We need high-quality and high-paying jobs that empower workers to have a positive impact on the communities where they live, both economically and as leaders contributing to the overall quality of life."

Senator Libla was re-elected to a second term in the Missouri Senate last November. He proudly serves the counties of Butler, Carter, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Shannon and Stoddard. In addition to his new duties as chair of the Small Business and Industry Committee, Sen. Libla will serve as vice-chairman of the General Laws Committee.

To view a full list of Sen. Libla's committee assignments and sponsored legislation, visit his official Senate website at **www.senate.mo.gov/libla**.

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U.S. Rep. Jason Smith Authors Bill Defunding Sanctuary Cities

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U.S. Rep. Jason Smith Authors Bill Defunding Sanctuary Cities

U.S. Rep Smith Authors Bill Defunding Sanctuary Cities Smith bill would force sanctuary cities to comply with federal law by blocking federal transportation dollars

Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Jason Smith (MO-08) filed H.R.824, the No Transportation Funds for Sanctuary Cities Act, to block Federal Highway Trust fund dollars from being awarded to states and local governments if they fail to obey federal immigration laws and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requests.

Before Congressman Smith introduced the bill, he said, "Over 300 cities and counties employ policies to stonewall the federal government and prevent the Department of Homeland Security from effectively enforcing our immigration laws. We are a nation of law and order, and cities that actively work against the law of the land should face consequences. That's why I introduced the No Transportation Funds for Sanctuary Cities Act to cut off the spigot of federal funds to cities and counties that fail to work with us to Make America Safe."

As President Trump and Congress begin work on policies to enable new and robust investments into our nation's roads, rails, tunnels, waterways and airports it is important that municipalities across the country know that unless they observe and follow U.S. immigration laws and policies, they will no longer be eligible for federal infrastructure investments in their communities. Smith's goal is to codify the prohibition of taxpayer

funds released to sanctuary cities in order to secure our borders and make local communities safer.

Smith noted after he filed the bill, "When cities fail to adhere with Federal law enforcement requests our citizens are put in danger. The American people spoke in November and support President Trump's no-nonsense plan to enforce existing laws to protect our citizens. Because states, counties, and cities have failed to comply with Federal law, we have to use Congressional power of the purse to require these cities to abide by Federal immigration laws. If cities fail to comply with DHS requests, they shouldn't receive Highway Trust Fund dollars or any highway grants, period."

Note: Highway Trust Fund dollars have been successfully used three times in the past to encourage states to comply with Federal Standards. Most notably, Louisiana complied with the Federal requirement to lift their drinking age to 21 years-old after the Federal government pulled part of their Highway Trust Fund dollars for failure to comply.

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Young Republicans of Stoddard County Looking for New Members

Dexter, Missouri - Young Republicans of Stoddard County, formerly TARS, met at a local restaurant on Sunday, January 29th making plans for the upcoming 2017 political year. Several were in attendance, but it is hoped to have a few more interested.

"Our goal is to increase young people being involved in politics on the local, state, and national level," stated 151st State Representative Tila Hubrecht. "Our meetings will be held throughout the county so everyone has an opportunity to come and participate. This is not just a Dexter group, but for anyone in Stoddard County to join."

"We will be utilizing our Facebook page and creating Event Pages for people to keep informed," continued Hubrecht. "There will not be an age limit. We really just want young people to get involved, high school - college - as young as you feel to come out and join!"

Many ideas were tossed around the tables as well as having a local Conference in Stoddard County, possibly as early as March with dinner and guest speakers.

The next Young Republicans Club meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m. at Burger King in Dexter. There is an Event Page created so please mark yourself as attending by clicking **HERE**.

Find them on Facebook by clicking HERE.

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