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“The final and best means of strengthening demand among consumers and business is to reduce the burden on private income and the deterrents to private initiative which are imposed by our present tax system...The purpose of cutting taxes now is not to incur a budget deficit, but to achieve the more prosperous, expanding economy which can bring a budget surplus.”

Most would guess this quote came from President Trump, maybe President Bush, or even President Reagan. While good guesses, they would all be wrong. Those words were delivered in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy in front of the Economic Club of New York. Less than a year later, he would be assassinated. A few months after that, the historic tax cuts he had advocated for became a reality in the Revenue Act of 1964. What succeeded after was the creation of 12 million new jobs over a five-year period.

Delivering tax cuts for American families can and should be a bipartisan effort. Whether it was President Kennedy, President Reagan or President Bush in 2003, the cumulative result of their tax cut efforts was the creation of close to 35 million new jobs. President Trump recognizes this, he knows that merely growing our economy on an average of 3%

over the next decade would directly translate into the creation of tens of millions of new jobs and that the surest way to get that growth is through cutting taxes.

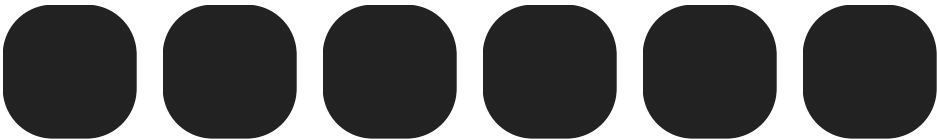
President Trump is not alone in that vision. I stand with him ready to deliver that tax cut to the families of south central and southeast Missouri. It's why I fought to get on the oldest standing Committee in Congress, the Ways and Means Committee – where all tax and revenue measures start. And it is why last week I, along with my Committee Members, introduced the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act. Because I know what the President knows – that legislation like this will result in more jobs, lower taxes and bigger paychecks for the families of Missouri.

This legislation will provide immediate tax relief, will get rid of special interest loopholes, and incentivize more employers to invest, grow and hire here in the United States. We get rid of things like the dreaded 'death tax' which makes Missouri families pay an additional tax on the transfers of farms from one generation to the next. The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act rewards hardworking families by expanding the child tax credit and reduces tax rates on family run farms and businesses. These tax cuts will result in the average family of four paying 75% less in taxes and also completely gets rid of federal taxes on the first \$24,000 every family earns.

In the lower chamber, we have stood with our President and delivered on our promise to repeal the government takeover of healthcare. We have stood with him to remove thousands of pages of bureaucratic regulations holding back our economy, and we stand with him again now, committed to delivering on historic tax cuts for American families.

Doing so will return the decision about your economic future to YOU, not the federal government. President Trump knows that, President Kennedy knew it in 1962, President Bush knew it in 2003 and President Reagan knew it in 1981 when he delivered these words from the Oval Office in support of reducing taxes, "...join me in this dramatic but responsible plan to reduce the enormous burden of Federal taxation on you and your family...In a few days the Congress will stand at the fork of two roads. One road is all too familiar to us. It leads ultimately to higher taxes. It merely brings us full circle back to the source of our economic problems, where the government decides that it knows better than you what should be done with your earnings and, in fact, how you should conduct your life. The other road promises to renew the American spirit. It's a road of hope and opportunity. It places the direction of your life back in your hands where it belongs."

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Herman Morse Elected as the New 151st State Representative

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Herman Morse was elected as the new 151st State Representative for Stoddard and parts of Scott County, Missouri.

Herman Morse stated, "I am both honored and humbled to be the newly elected 151st State Representative."

His victory came with a total of 71.1% of the votes equalling 1,434 over his opponent Curtis Clark who received 26.33% of the votes or 526 total.

Voter turnout was considered to be low as expected as there were only the two items on the ballot; the 51st State Representative position and the Use Tax Proposition which also passed by a vote of 1,118 to 831.

"Thanks to everyone who voted for me in Tuesday's special election to fill the vacant seat for the 151st Representative District," commented Morse. "A fairly short election cycle and a large geographical area made it impossible to tell each of you that I would appreciate your vote. Even if I didn't meet you in person, your opinion is still important to me. I hope to meet and visit with many more of you in the next few months."

"I pledge to represent the people of Stoddard County and the western part of Scott County to the best of my ability," continued Morse.

"Thanks again for your support and I look forward to serving you!"

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What's on the Ballot for Tuesday, November 7th?

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Stoddard County, Missouri - A Special Election will be held in Stoddard County on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 as certified by the Honorable John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State for Missouri.

The ballot for the election shall be the following:

State Representative 151st Legislative District to fill (Unexpired Term) - Running are Curtis Clark, Herman Morse, and Rick Vandeven.

Curtis Clark is running as Democrat, Herman Morse as Republican, and Rick Vandeven as a Libertarian.

Use Tax Proposition on Stoddard County - Shall the County of Stoddard impose a local use tax on out-of-state purchases at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, currently one percent (1%) provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by person whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year. The purpose of the proposal is to eliminate the current sales tax advantage that Non-Missouri vendors have over Missouri vendors.

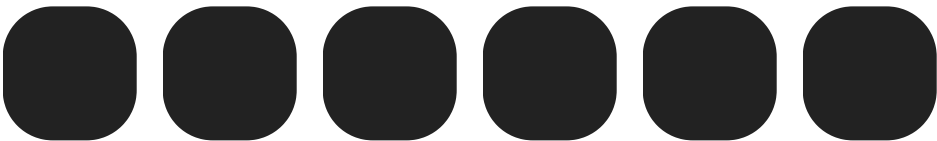
Approval of this proposition will result in a continuation of local revenue to provide vital services for Stoddard County.

Polls will be open at 6:00 a.m. in the morning and will close at 7:00 p.m. in the evening on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

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Remember to Bring Your ID to VOTE on Tuesday

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Remember to Bring Your ID to VOTE on Tuesday

Missouri's new photo voter ID law (HB 1631), effective on June 1, 2017, outlines identification options for registered Missouri voters to use on Election Day at their polling location.

Most Missourians have a Missouri Driver's License or Nondriver License, which is an acceptable photo ID for voting. There are also plenty of other options, too.

- Option 1: Provide a Missouri issued Driver or Non-Driver license, U.S. Passport, or Military ID
- Option 2: Provide a secondary form of identification, such as a paycheck or bank statement and sign a statement confirming their identity
- Option 3: If the voter has no form of identification, but is a registered voter, they may cast a provisional ballot

Missouri's photo voter ID law also requires the state of Missouri to assist voters who might not have a photo ID with the process of obtaining one free Missouri non-driver license for the purpose of voting.

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Congressman Smith Capitol Report Honoring Sacrifice and Service November 3, 2017

As a grateful nation, we pause this week to honor America's veterans. These brave men and women leave family, friends, careers and the comforts of home to fight and defend our freedoms and values. They've fought for us; it is incredibly important to fight for them now. From servicemen like my uncle, who fought in Vietnam and earned a Purple Heart, to those recently enlisted beginning their first tours of duty, we owe a debt of gratitude.

I consider it a great honor to help our military heroes. Whether hosting a local Veterans Summit to assist our nation's finest figure out benefits, ending fraud and abuse within the Veterans Administration, fighting for better VA health care in rural areas or showing the Greatest Generation the WWII memorial in Washington, serving veterans is a privilege.

This week, America's veterans are a step closer to the exceptional treatment they deserve. Working closely with the Trump Administration, I fought to make sure veterans have choices when it comes to their health care. Those who cannot get a timely appointment at a VA medical facility now have options in a private health care setting, covered by their veterans' benefits. Additionally, after many requests to increase hours of operation and expand services at the VA Clinic in Salem, I worked to get this done. Veterans will also have access to a long-awaited ID card that will help ensure they get the benefits they rightly earned.

Recently, veterans from Perryville traveled to our nation's Capital to conduct a flag exchange ceremony for the Missouri National Veterans Memorial. It was an honor for me to participate in this important ceremony linking the full-scale black granite replica in Perryville to the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. Not everyone can travel to D.C., so Missouri's National Veterans Memorial is taking one of our nation's most important sacred monuments right to America's heartland in Perryville.

We were all again reminded of how important it is to defend our nation when ISIS struck New York City this week. In a cowardly act of terror, an ISIS supporter rented a vehicle and struck innocent civilians as school was dismissing and families were preparing to go trick or treating. Even as we face terrorism at home, our troops are overseas, working to extinguish terrorist groups so their twisted ideology of hate never reaches our borders. As you read this, there are hundreds of thousands of America's finest deployed across the globe, defending our freedom and fighting terrorists where they are deeply rooted.

We are so blessed to live in the land of the free, but we must not forget this has come with a price. Others have sacrificed their own lives so that we may live in freedom. Please take some time to thank veterans not just today, but every day, and let them know how grateful you are for their service to our country.

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