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HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**5 Seats Away From Extinction...**



**If the House Republicans lose five seats this November, the few remaining members of the House Republicans will be no more than empty carcasses.**

The Republicans in the State Senate are so small in number that they cannot sustain a veto. The Senate is not on the ballot this year, which means only the Republicans in the House of Representatives can stop vetoes from being overridden! If we lose five seats, the chance of maintaining a veto ever again under our Governor is done, finished, extinct!

**We are a mere five seats away from being completely irrelevant!**

You all have heard about the six Republicans that voted with the Democrats to override the transportation veto. We should all be angry about a bridge going down. We have heard your voices. We all agree that our infrastructure, roads and bridges need public funding.

However, this is what you may not know. The House Republican plan would have dedicated \$450 million without raising taxes. The DFL Transportation bill that passed dedicates only \$60 million to roads and bridges. **Instead of addressing fundamental infrastructure needs, the DFL opted to waste even more of your money on light rail boondoggles.**

**There is a clear and present danger in this purple state we call home and it is the possibility of a DFL controlled House and Senate that can override every veto by Governor Pawlenty. If that happens, we may as well be extinct.**

**We believe the people of Minnesota deserve better. And we believe with your commitment, we can begin to make the tax and spend DFL the endangered species.**

**Can we count on you to renew your support to the House Republican Campaign Committee (HRCC) by making a gift of \$100, \$150 or more today?**

The Governor and the House Republicans truly held the DFL's feet to the fire while practicing fiscal restraint. **The united House Republicans fought back more than \$5 billion worth of proposed tax increases that, if passed, would have damaged an already troubled economy.**

We delivered property tax relief, we were the driving factor behind a funding increase for nursing home workers and we gave schools a funding increase. We fought against government run health care and we supported real health care reforms to help all Minnesotans.

**Unfortunately, House Republicans are being vastly outspent by the left-wing special interest groups. For example, the Republicans were out spent more than five to one in 2006.** Special interests, unions and radical environmental extremists fill our opponent's coffers over the brim. In the last election cycle, the top Political Action Committee (PAC) special interest group contributors to the DFL Caucus were:

Shakoep Mdeewa	\$130,500
Anton Sioux	
Education Minnesota	\$129,500
LKS and Plains Reg. Council Carpenters and Joiners	\$100,000
Mah Mah Wi No Min Fund 1 (Mille Lacs Ojibwe)	\$84,000
SEIU Minnesota State Council Political Fund	\$82,000
AFSCME Minn People Committee Council 5	\$80,000
Prairie Island Indian Community PAC	\$72,500

**That's over \$675,000 collectively.** You and I hear on the news all the time how the Republicans are the recipients of special interest money. Our seven top PAC and Lobbyists totaled only \$144,638. With these kinds of odds, extinction may be a real possibility this election cycle.

**Again, we believe the people of Minnesota deserve better.** This election needs to be about change... but a common sense, conservative change. If we stick to our core Republican principles, we can win in November!. We are targeting 24 House seats and in order to win these seats back, it will require a minimum of \$100,000 per race.

### **Why 24 seats?**

Did you know that out of 2.2 million votes cast in the last election in Minnesota, the House Republicans lost 24 seats by less than 8,800 votes state-wide?

**24 seats will put us back in the majority.**

I am depending on your renewed commitment today to help us take back these 24 seats. In Minnesota, House candidates can only spend about \$30,000. That's where we come in. The House Republican Campaign Committee (HRCC) needs to make up that difference. We need your help. Our target is to be more than half way to our fundraising goal in the next 15 days.

**Your generous contribution will help us reach our goal and put us on the path to victory.**

We have the Presidential race and U.S. Senate race this year, both are hugely important; however, all 134 seats in the Minnesota State House are on the ballot this year. **More than any other, these House seats will affect your pocketbook the most.**

**Here are just two examples why it is so important that we win in November:**

"I believe that it is simplistic and naive to assume that taxpayers can spend their money better than the Government," March 8, 2008, DFL Senate Majority Leader, Larry Pogemiller.

"John is going to be in the Minnesota House of Representatives because we're going to sweep in the five more legislators we need so we can make Tim Pawlenty the ineffective governor, who he really is." June 14, 2008, DFL State Representative Tom Rukavina speaking at a fundraiser for DFL candidate John Persell.

### **This is what extinction looks like!**

During the 2008 legislative session, the tax increases proposed by DFLers totaled \$10,656,898,000 over the current biennium and next biennium. Their proposals raised individual income taxes, sales taxes, gas taxes, vehicle registration taxes, liquor taxes and corporate franchise taxes... just to name a few.

**And, that number is not millions it's billions of dollars!**

It totals more than \$2,000 per man, woman and child in Minnesota.

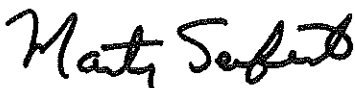
Remember, these are only House DFL proposals, it does not include the separate Senate DFL proposals that would have had a direct negative impact on Minnesota families and businesses.

Help us elect House Republicans and we will focus on the important issues like lower taxes, growing jobs and growing the economy. We will address skyrocketing energy prices. We House Republicans will focus on basic needs as roads and bridges, so wherever you travel across this great state, there will be a road that gets you there.


We are very grateful for your generous contributions in the past. We know that times are tough right now, but now is not the time to give up. **Now is the time to dig deep and double our efforts.** Without your commitment, Minnesota's days of fiscal responsibility will be extinct.

Remember, each married couple in Minnesota can contribute \$100 to the HRCC without spending a cent (\$50 per person)! We will provide you with a receipt and the Minnesota Department of Revenue's Official Tax Refund Form. After you mail them in, you'll receive a direct dollar-for-dollar refund of your contribution returned to you in the form of a check from the state of Minnesota. It couldn't be easier: You can help us reach our shared goals simply by making a short-term loan. I am asking you to contribute generously today. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Representative Marty Seifert  
House Minority Leader

P.S.  I urge you to send a check today or go online at [www.OurMinnesotaHouse.com](http://www.OurMinnesotaHouse.com). It is crucial that you make your contribution today. Our literature, our staff, polling and radio and TV ads need to be funded soon. Please send your contribution of \$100, \$150 or even \$200 today. You have been among our very best supporters in the past and I am counting on your renewed support at this critical time!

**Let's make Minnesota a red state in 2008!**