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Representative Jessie Rodriguez Endorses Wanggaard

Sturtevant - On Friday, State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Franklin) announced her endorsement of Van Wanggaard in his bid for the 21st District State Senate seat.

"As a former outreach coordinator for Hispanics for School Choice, I know the importance of electing people who will lead the way when it comes to expanding educational opportunity for all children," Rodriguez said. "In his last term, Van Wanggaard proved his commitment to educational choice when he was the leading advocate to expand Parental Choice to Racine."

"With my assembly district bordering the 21st State Senate District, it's especially important to me to have a partner in that seat that I can work with to ensure that the decisions being made are in the best interests of the residents in the area," continued Rodriguez. "Wisconsin is on the right track, but we need to continue passing bold, conservative reforms that lower the tax burden on hard-working Wisconsinites and improve the job climate in our state. I'm confident that Van will be an effective leader on conservative legislation in the State Senate."

"I have the utmost respect for the work that Representative Jessie Rodriguez has done to improve education in our state," said Wanggaard. "I share her goals of expanding and improving the statewide Parental Choice program, cutting taxes for all Wisconsinites and bringing more jobs to our area. I look forward to getting back to work with Rep. Rodriguez and the rest of the conservative legislature."

Rep. Rodriguez represents the 21st Assembly District, which borders the 21st State Senate District and covers Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, and parts of Franklin. Before being elected in 2013, she was an outreach coordinator for Hispanics for School Choice, working in the community to inform parents of educational options available for their children. She is the first Hispanic Republican to be elected to the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Van Wanggaard is running to retake the 21st State Senate district after he was recalled for standing with Governor Walker during the Act 10 battle. He now faces an August 12th primary election. He has been endorsed by Congressman Paul Ryan, Speaker Robin Vos, Representative Samantha Kerkman, Racine Tea Party PAC, and over 100 state and local leaders. A full list of endorsements can be found in this morning's press release and at <u>www.voteforvan.com</u>. The 21st State Senate district covers parts of Racine and Kenosha County.

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