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**Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce PAC
Announces Endorsements in Dozen State Legislative Races**

The Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee announced today it has endorsed candidates in the following Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives Districts:

- 51A – Brad Gerten
- 51B – Laurie Halverson
- 52A – Richard Hansen
- 52B – Regina Barr
- 56 – Dan Hall
- 56B – Roz Peterson
- 57 –Cory Campbell
- 57A - Ali Jimenez Hopper
- 57B – Anna Wills
- 58 – Tim Pitcher
- 58A - Jon Koznick
- 58B – Patrick Garofalo

“There is significant experience and expertise with the candidates we’ve endorsed and we’re confident they will bring effective and consistent leadership to the capitol on issues that are important to our business members,” said Don Hoeft, Chair of the DCR Chamber of Commerce PAC Board of Directors. “We spent a great deal of time reviewing all the candidate’s credentials in these races before making these decisions. The DCR Chamber PAC and business community are serious about ensuring we create an environment in which Minnesota businesses can be successful and continue to grow. We believe the candidates we have endorsed share this belief and will best represent their communities at the Legislature.”

Candidates endorsed have demonstrated a commitment to building a strong business and economic environment in Dakota County and Minnesota. Other criteria include leadership on key business issues, voting records, electability, candidate knowledge and expertise, and local business community engagement and support.

Additional endorsements in local, county, state and federal races are forthcoming following the Primary Election on August 9, 2016.

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Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee (PAC) provides Chamber members and citizens an opportunity to shape Minnesota’s political landscape. DCR Chamber PAC supports candidates who champion private enterprise and foster growth for businesses to create jobs in Dakota County and the State of Minnesota.