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District 22 Legislators Announce Candidacy for Re-election

Meridian, ID - Senator Lori Den Hartog, Representative John Vander Woude (Seat A) and Representative Jason Monks (Seat B) have announced their candidacy for re-election to the Idaho Legislature to represent District 22.

Senator Den Hartog has been a strong advocate for school choice in the Legislature. She has worked to give parents a voice in their children's education and for students to be able to access education funds if they decide to pursue an alternative form of education to public schools. This year, she helped pass \$50 million dollars in grants for these students. In addition, as Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Den Hartog was instrumental in securing the biggest transportation investment in our state's history allowing the state to bond for up to \$1.6 billion dollars. This session, Senator Den Hartog has continued working with Governor Little on further investments in our state's roads and bridges to improve our transportation system for the benefit of our businesses and citizens alike.

As Vice Chairman of House Health and Welfare, Vander Woude has fought for Idahoans' ability to make their own health decisions throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Vander Woude supported legislation that preserves the rights of Idaho citizens to make their own healthcare decisions, to assemble in their places of worship, and to allow their businesses to remain open.

Representative Monks has led the Legislature's efforts to reign in the governor's powers during a declared state of emergency. He has ensured that the Legislature maintains a strong voice in representing the people, that our second amendment rights are protected, and that all jobs are considered essential so that small business owners can continue to operate to support their employees and their families.

All three legislators look forward to continue fighting for Idahoans and representing District 22.

About Senator Lori Den Hartog

Senator Lori Den Hartog represents the people of District 22 in Kuna and Meridian. In addition to chairing Senate Transportation, Den Hartog is a member of both the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee. She also serves on the Public School Funding Formula Committee, the Occupational Licensing and Certification Laws Committee, and the Purchasing & Procurement Interim Committee. Den Hartog has held positions in both public and private sector organizations in land use and transportation planning, as well as grant administration. Den Hartog grew up on a dairy farm in rural Ada County, and now lives with her husband, Scott, and their three children

just a field away from that same farm. She attended Nampa Christian Schools from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, where their three children are now students there as well. They are active members at Cloverdale United Reformed Church in Boise.

“During my time serving in the Idaho Legislature, I have worked to bring a fresh, focused, and conservative voice to our State Legislature,” said Senator Den Hartog. “District 22 is an area I know well and love deeply, from floating Indian Creek in Kuna to patronizing the many small businesses in both Meridian and Kuna. I commit to the people of District 22 that I will continue to advocate for a quality educational system built upon local control, promote a culture of innovation and creativity by reducing government overreach, and listen with an open mind to the people of District 22 and to champion your causes and interests. I have enjoyed my time serving you and I look forward to working towards Idaho-based solutions for the many issues we are confronted with.”

About Rep. Jason Monks

State Representative and Idaho House Assistant Majority Leader Jason Monks, is a proven champion in the fight to secure Idahoans’ freedoms, including the freedom to worship, freedom to bear arms, freedom in health autonomy, freedom to contract, freedom to enjoy the fruits of one’s labor, and freedom to choose the best for one’s family. He spearheaded the efforts to rein in the government’s encroachment in Idahoans’ lives after the pandemic. He has continuously worked to lower Idahoan’s tax burden and make Idaho the best state in which to live and to work. Jason Monks is a small business owner in Meridian, a loving husband, a father of 8, and a grandfather of 8.

“I look forward to continuing to serve the people of District 22 by honoring my oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Idaho.” said Rep. Jason Monks. “Idahoans deserve to live in a state free of government overreach where we can thrive, and our families can prosper. I will continue to champion legislation that will protect this Idaho way of life.”

About Rep. John Vander Woude

Rep. John Vander Woude is currently in his 6th term serving the people of District 22. Vander Woude serves as Chair of the Environment, Energy & Technology Committee, and as a member of the Health & Welfare and Resources & Conservation committees. Vander Woude has been a self-employed owner of two businesses in the District for more than 42 years, and still actively farms 100 acres. John is a U.S. Army Veteran, a former Nampa Christian School Board member, and an active member of his church. He has been married for 49 years to his wife, Judy. Together, they have three children and 12 grandchildren.

“In this time of change, it is more important than ever to ensure that Idaho has proven conservative leaders to guide Idaho through what’s ahead,” said Rep. Vander Woude. “This election will be about the future of our economy, our businesses, our families, and our communities. As a small business owner and a defender of conservative Republican principles and values, I have proven my ability, and I have the experience and passion to get the job done for the people of Idaho.”

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