Americans for Prosperity Action today announces its endorsement of State Senator Tom Tiffany for election to Wisconsin’s 7th Congressional District. AFP Action is dedicated to supporting candidates based on their active leadership roles on top policy priorities for improving the lives of all Americans. Below you will see the case for endorsing Sen. Tom Tiffany.

Things are different in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, and that’s how we like it. When we send politicians to Madison, we expect them to remember where they came from and consistently lead on the policies they were sent to the capitol to champion.

That’s why we’re endorsing state Sen. Tom Tiffany in the race for the 7th Congressional District.

Too often, elected officials let Madison change them. Tiffany flipped the script. He helped change Madison by letting taxpayers keep more of their money and making sure the state spends the money they have more wisely, reforming the state’s labor laws to help everyone find meaningful work, protecting civil liberties, and increasing educational opportunities for all children.

Sen. Tiffany grew up in western Wisconsin and raised his family and built a small business in the North. He won election to the state assembly in 2010 by defending the value of limited government, and championing policies that led to more job and educational opportunities for those living in rural Wisconsin. He has not let his nearly nine years in Madison corrupt his principles, and he remains steadfastly committed to his core beliefs and the people he represents.

These are principles that will translate well from Madison to Washington.

So will his record of legislative accomplishment and leadership.

Knowing that government should serve people, not limit them, Sen. Tiffany has consistently fought for transparency and accountability in regulatory agencies. He authored the landmark Act 21 during his first term in the state legislature - that law became the foundation for nearly a decade of changing the way government works in Wisconsin. He also supported the REINS Act, which made Wisconsin a national model for pro-growth regulatory reform.

More than that, though, he has taken the unusual step of bringing the legislature to the Northwoods, holding committee meetings and summits on issues that matter to his constituents.

He also played a key role in transforming worker rights in Wisconsin, expanding opportunities for small businesses to compete while protecting taxpayers by supporting the Act 10 collective bargaining reforms, the state’s right-to-work law, project labor agreement neutrality and a repeal of the prevailing wage mandate.

Sen. Tiffany also recognizes Wisconsinites are most empowered when they can keep more of their hard-earned money to invest in the things they care about most, and he helped deliver more
than $13 billion in tax relief in less than a decade in Madison, lowering taxes on working families and small businesses and leading the successful effort to eliminate the state property tax.

He has also been one of the most effective opponents of gas tax increases, while offering real reforms that would make the Department of Transportation more efficient so taxpayers get more for every dollar the state spends.

And as a member of the powerful Joint Committee on Finance that has advocated for and created multiple responsible state budgets, he has worked to reduce wasteful spending, limiting the need for tax increases in the first place.

But his impact has reached far beyond economic matters.

As a determined advocate of increasing educational opportunities for all students, Sen. Tiffany has consistently supported efforts to expand options for parents seeking the educational opportunity that is best for their children, backing the statewide expansion of parental choice programs that have been highly successful in Milwaukee already. And he has looked out for western Wisconsin and the Northwoods by backing reforms that open up apprenticeships and supporting STEM programs.

“We cannot continue to accept the status quo,” he has said. “Through collaborative efforts between policymakers, parents, employers, educators and school officials we can find new and innovative ways to improve our education system to meet the demands ahead.”

It takes political courage to resist the status quo. At substantial political risk, Tiffany took on prosecutors, government regulators with the power to investigate legislators, a hostile media, and countless angry protesters to champion constitutional rights and civil liberties when he authored sweeping due process reforms to Wisconsin’s “John Doe” statutes in 2015. And he protected our due process rights by improving access to public defenders in the most recent state budget.

“I don’t plan to go to Washington looking for a fight, but I can guarantee I will never back down from one,” Tiffany said when he announced his candidacy.

A willingness to stick your neck out for the causes you believe in is one of the most admirable traits a person can have. Tom Tiffany has displayed that courage time and again.

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