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Senator Vick Will Seek Re-Election in 2012

Boise, Idaho — State Senator Steve Vick, a Dalton Gardens resident and Home Renovation Contractor, will seek re-election to the Idaho State Senate in the new District 2. “It has been a great privilege to serve my friends and neighbors in North Idaho” said Vick. “I want to continue to be a strong conservative voice in the Idaho Senate.”

Senator Vick is in his first term and currently represents District 3, northern Kootenai County. Vick will seek re-election in a new District 2, which includes much of his old district along with all of Kootenai County east of Lake Coeur d’Alene.

Vick serves on the Agricultural Affairs Committee and the Health and Welfare Committee. He also serves on the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee as its Vice-Chair, a high honor for a freshman legislator.

In his short time in the Idaho Senate, Senator Vick has supported many important pieces of legislation that seek to expand economic prosperity, limit government’s intrusion into citizens’ lives, and protect life and liberty.

Senator Vick supports Governor Otter’s efforts to attract businesses to Idaho. This year, he supports permanently cutting individual and corporate income taxes to increase Idaho’s economic competitiveness and spur future growth. He also supports a new sales tax exemption for aircraft parts installed into out-of-state aircraft. This measure is expected to add up to 55 jobs at the Hayden Airport, along with creating jobs at airports across Idaho.

Last year, Senator Vick sponsored an amendment to the Idaho Constitution limiting lawmakers to an 80-day legislative session— a measure to help ensure a citizen legislature well into the future. A pro-life legislator, Vick co-sponsored a new Idaho law prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks citing new medical studies which show that the unborn feel pain at this stage of their development.

Senator Vick has led the fight in the Senate to block the Affordable Care Act in Idaho, including his co-sponsorship of House Bill 298, which passed the Idaho House and Senate and sought to stop the implementation of the discretionary provisions of the federal health law.

This year, Senator Vick is sponsoring a state constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote in the Legislature for any fee or tax increase. Sixteen other states have already adopted this supermajority requirement. “I have proposed this year’s constitutional amendment, along with other measures in the Idaho Senate, so we have controls on the growth of government in Idaho.”

Senator Vick’s political philosophy is best summed up by our first President George Washington when he said, “Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.” “My promise is to continue to work diligently to control that fire,” said Vick.