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District 19 legislators endorse Balukoff

Sen. Buckner-Webb, Reps. Erpelding and Wintrow all say Balukoff is right for the job

BOISE – Three of Idaho’s most prominent Democratic lawmakers endorsed AJ Balukoff’s candidacy for governor today.

Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb, House Minority Leader Rep. Mat Erpelding, and Rep. Melissa Wintrow, all of District 19, said Balukoff has the integrity and experience needed to be governor.

“Like all concerned Idahoans, I have followed the campaigns for governor with great interest,” Buckner-Webb said. **“As a legislator I have watched with concern for how each of the candidates will be able to navigate the difficult issues facing Idaho. AJ Balukoff has continually presented a positive voice and vision for Idaho. His experience, integrity and honesty compel me to endorse his candidacy for Governor.”**

Rep. Wintrow said she admires Balukoff’s ability to bring folks together to solve problems.

“A successful Governor will have to draw people together, identify common ground, and present a strong vision for our state. AJ has shown time and again that he can build successful teams, collaborate, and motivate people to do their best,” Wintrow said. **“His work ethic, integrity and knowledge of the issues that are important to all Idahoans make him the best choice out of all of the candidates running to be Idaho’s next governor. When elected, I know AJ will hit the ground running his very first day in office to make Idaho a stronger, more prosperous state.”**

Minority Leader Erpelding said he appreciates AJ’s work ethic.

“Regardless of your political leanings, we can all agree that Idaho needs honesty from its leaders. I support AJ Balukoff because he has worked tirelessly for Idaho, is a person of integrity, and shares the values of every Idahoan,” Erpelding said. **“As governor, he will ensure the security of our families, protect our quality of life, and defend our rights. AJ’s integrity is what Idaho needs, and he has my vote.”**

Buckner-Webb, Erpelding, and Wintrow join eight other Democratic legislators currently serving in the statehouse, and [over 30 current and formerly elected Idaho leaders](#), in endorsing Balukoff for governor.

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