



# COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT

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## Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about <i>Matt Schmit</i>
Address <i>735 Hi Park Ave</i>
City, state, zip <i>Red Wing, MN 55066</i>
Title of respondent (if applicable) <i>Candidate</i>
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator) <i>SD 21</i>

*Pat Shortridge*  
Signature of person filing complaint

*11/2/12*  
Date

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10A.10

You will find the complete text of Minn. Stat. §10A and Minn. Rules Chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at [www.cfboard.state.mn.us](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us) .

**Nature of complaint**

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated Chapter 10A, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, materials, minutes, resolutions or other evidence to support your allegations.

*See attached memo and exhibits.*

Minn. Stat. 10A.02, subd 11 - Violations; enforcement.

The board shall investigate any alleged violation filed in writing with the board. For an alleged violation of sections 10A.25 (expenditure limits) or 10A.27 (additional limits) the board shall either enter into a conciliation agreement or make a public finding of whether or not there is probable cause, within 60 days of the filing of the complaint. For alleged violations of all other sections, the board shall within 30 days after the filing of the complaint make a public finding of whether or not there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

The deadline for action may be extended by a majority vote of the board. Within a reasonable time after beginning an investigation of an individual or association, the board shall notify that individual or association of the fact of the investigation. The board shall make no finding without notifying the individual or association of the nature of the allegations and affording an opportunity to answer those allegations.

Any hearing or action of the board concerning a complaint or investigation shall be confidential until the board makes a public finding concerning probable cause or enters into a conciliation agreement.

Except as provided in section 10A.28, after the board makes a public finding of probable cause the board shall report that finding to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

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Introduction

This complaint alleges a violation of Minnesota Statutes §10A.01 subdivision 18 by the Minnesota DFL Party, DFL Senate Caucus, DFL endorsed Minnesota Senate District 21 candidate Matt Schmit, and the Schmit for Senate committee and/or its agents (collectively referred to as Respondents). On or about September 19, 2012, the Minnesota DFL Party disseminated campaign materials in support of the Matt Schmit campaign. The purported independent expenditure was made with the express or implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, or in concert with or at the request or suggestion of the DFL endorsed Senate District 21 candidate Matt Schmit, his principal campaign committee Schmit for Senate, and/or its agents (collectively referred to as Schmit). Respondents have violated Chapter 10A, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act by disseminating campaign materials as independent expenditures that were, in fact, not independent of Schmit.

Facts

Matt Schmit is the DFL endorsed candidate for the Minnesota Senate in Senate District 21. On or about September 19, 2012, the Minnesota DFL Party disseminated literature by U.S. Mail to influence voters to support the Matt Schmit campaign for Minnesota Senate District 21. *See*, Exhibit A. Several photographs of Matt Schmit appear on the literature. *See*, Id. The disclaimer identifies the literature as an independent expenditure prepared and paid for by the Minnesota DFL Party. *See*, Id.

Argument

An independent expenditure requires that the expenditure be made “without the express or implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, and not in concert with or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or any candidate's principal campaign committee or agent.” Minnesota Statutes, §10A.01, subd. 18. The Board has emphasized that there must be a high wall of separation between the party unit and its candidates if the party unit's expenditures are to qualify as independent expenditures. *See*, Findings and Order in the Matter of the Complaint of Bob Murray regarding House District 54A Republican Party of Minnesota and Citizens for (Mark) Fotsch.

It is apparent that all of the photographs in which Matt Schmit is a subject in the literature were taken with the active participation of Mr. Schmit. *See*, Exhibit A. Searches for photographs of Matt Schmit, including his official campaign website, facebook, flickr, and google images, reveal that photographs used in the purported independent expenditure are not publicly available. *See*, Exhibit B, C, D, and E. The Minnesota DFL Party's use of photographs that are unavailable to the general public is strong evidence that the expenditures were made with the express or

implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, or in concert with or at the request or suggestion of Schmit. The Minnesota DFL Party did not maintain the necessary high wall of separation from Schmit. As a result, the expenditures do not qualify as an independent expenditure and should be found to be in violation of Minnesota Statutes, §10A.01.

The criteria for independence cannot be maintained even if the photographs are remotely available. The Board has found that it does not require active approval of the expenditure by a candidate or agent to defeat the independence requirement. *See*, Findings and Order in the matter of the complaint of Arvid Dixen regarding Philip Krinkie. Even implied consent, resulting from action or inaction, can change the character of the expenditure to an approved expenditure. *See*, *Id.* In the case of the photographs of Matt Schmit, if the photographs are publicly available they are in an obscure location, and it would require the Minnesota DFL Party or the DFL Senate Caucus to get implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, or action in concert with or at the request or suggestion of Schmit to locate them. Therefore, even if the photographs are available in some form, approval or acquiescence defeating independence would still be required from Schmit for the photographs to be featured on expenditures paid for by the Minnesota DFL Party.

Further evidence that the expenditures were made with the express or implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, action in concert with or at the request or suggestion of Schmit is evidenced by the staged photographs. The DFL Senate Caucus reported spending \$547.99 on camera equipment in the month of June. *See*, Exhibit F. The facts suggest that a DFL Senate Caucus or DFL Party representative met with Schmit to coordinate efforts on supposed independent expenditures. The necessary high wall of separation simply cannot be maintained when representatives of the DFL Senate Caucus and the DFL State Central Committee are literally in the room with Schmit as the purported independent expenditures are being produced.

#### Conclusion

Photographs of Minnesota Senate District 21 candidate Matt Schmit are on campaign material identified as independent expenditures approved and paid for by the Minnesota DFL Party. The facts demonstrate a coordination of effort between Schmit, the DFL Senate Caucus and the Minnesota DFL Party. As a result, the expenditures do not qualify as an independent expenditure and should be found to be in violation of Minnesota Statutes, §10A.01. It is requested that the Board provide appropriate relief and penalties as prescribed by law.

Dated: 11/2/12

Respectfully submitted,

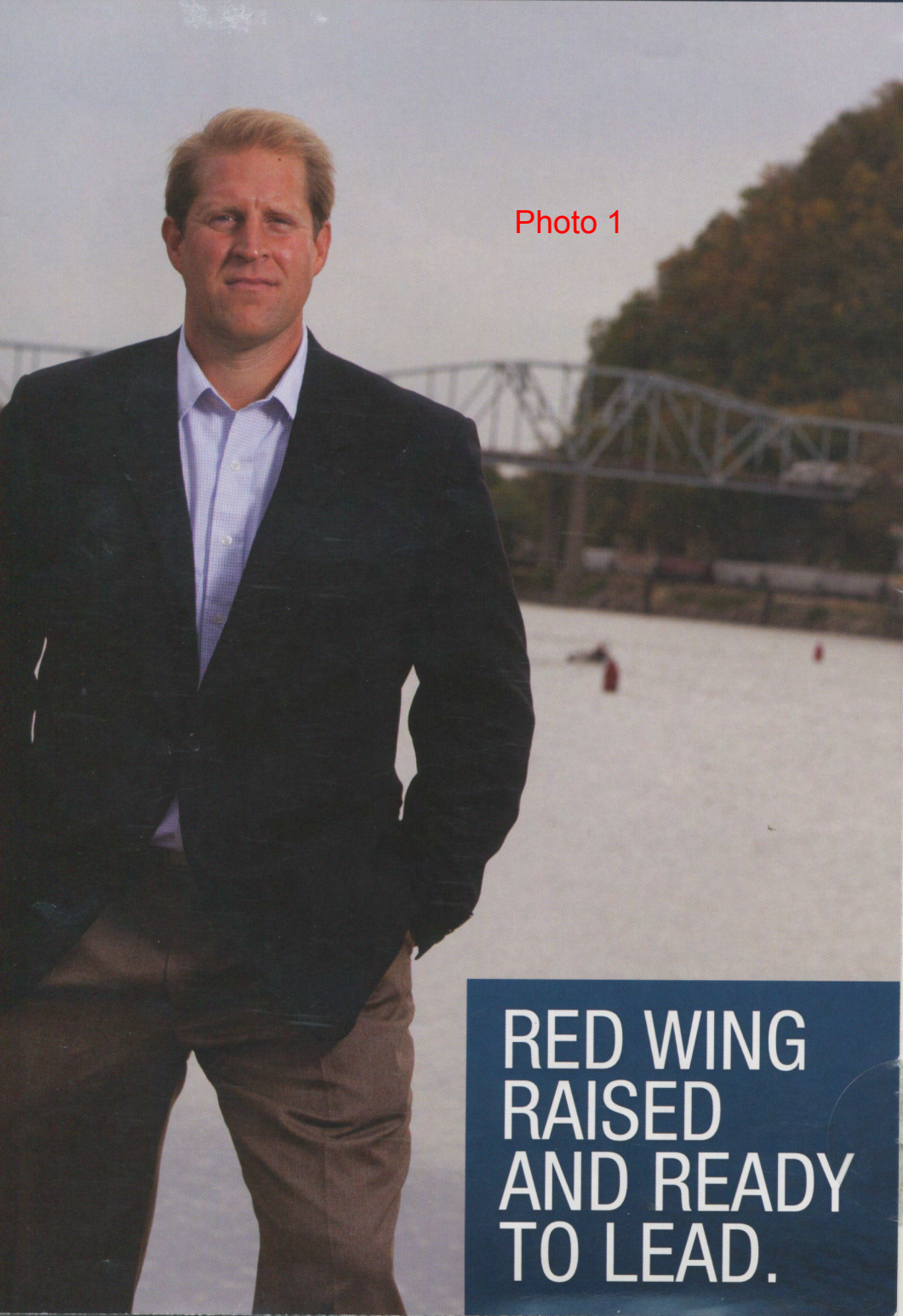
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Republican Party of Minnesota  
525 Park Street, Suite 250  
Saint Paul, MN 55103  
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Exhibit A

# MATT SCHMIT

Photo 1



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AND READY  
TO LEAD.

Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party  
255 E. Plato Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55107

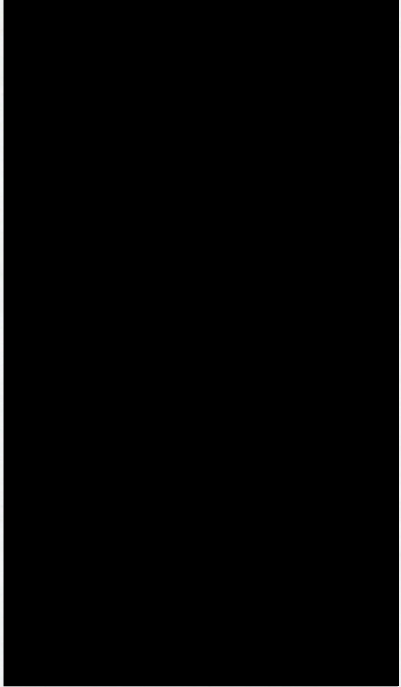
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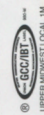


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This is an independent expenditure, not approved by any candidate, nor is any candidate responsible for it.  
Prepared and paid for by the Minnesota DFL Party, 255 E. Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55107.  
Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.



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Photo 2



An expert in 21<sup>st</sup>-century infrastructure, Matt Schmit is exactly what we need.

VOTE MATT SCHMIT FOR STATE SENATE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.  
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Photo 3

Like you, I've grown tired of witnessing one failed state legislative session after another. Instead of investing in our future, elected leaders have overseen shutdown and scandal—and they've repeatedly punted the ball on important decisions.

Rather than more smoke and mirrors, we need a Legislature committed to honest and responsible budgeting. We need real compromise and a good dose of common sense—not empty rhetoric and politics as usual. If anything, the Legislature should strengthen and grow local businesses, communities and schools—not weigh them down with property taxes.

—Matt Schmit



Photo 4



# He's ready into th

## Red Wing raised

Matt Schmit was born and raised in Red Wing, Minnesota. The schoolteacher and football coach, Mark Schmit. Matt attended Red Wing High.

## Small-business owner

Matt owns a public policy consulting firm, P3 Strategies, focusing on community broadband deployment and transportation policy. Creating jobs and he'll make that a priority in St. Paul.

## A plan to move Minnesota forward

- Repair roads, bridges and information infrastructure because the longer you wait.
- Invest in smaller class sizes and classroom technology by reducing cut from our schools.
- Simplify our tax code, making it easier for business start-ups to create jobs here in Minnesota.
- Reinstate the Minnesota Homestead Property Tax Credit for businesses while closing unfair corporate tax loopholes.

  
**MATT SCHMIT**  
Building a better Minnesota for the

# to lead Minnesota the future.

oldest of three brothers, he is the son of a retired  
Saint Joseph's Elementary and graduated from

primarily on the areas of economic development,  
building 21<sup>st</sup>-century infrastructure is his specialty,

that gets more expensive

Photo 5

financing the \$2.1 billion

and entrepreneurs to

families and small

future.





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## Making Minnesota Work Again



Dear Friend,

My name is Matt Schmit. I'm a lifelong Red Wing resident, the son of a schoolteacher and a football coach. I'm a small business owner – and I'd like to be your next state senator.

Like you, I've grown tired of witnessing one failed legislative session after another. Instead of

investing in our future, the state senate has overseen shutdown and scandal – and its repeatedly kicked the can forward on important decisions.

With another large budget deficit on the horizon, I worry if we send the same group back with the same problems next year, we're likely to get the same result: more gridlock and maybe even another government shutdown. We deserve better – and we can do better.

For the past 10 years I've worked in state-level policy, mostly as a private consultant. I've spent time on a variety of issues, including economic development and transportation, broadband deployment and education. I know the issues well and could be an effective member of the state senate from day one.

My priorities for making Minnesota work again are pretty simple:

- **Grow jobs** through sound tax policy, world-class education & training
- **Fully repay our schools** the \$2.4 billion borrowed from them
- **Dash for local property tax relief** through honest



*"Minnesota's workforce is well-educated and highly productive. We enjoy an excellent quality of life and our public schools are generally great. Our arts and natural resources are big draws.*

*These are all competitive strengths – but they don't happen by accident.*

*For too long our leaders have taken these strengths for granted. This has got to stop. We need to take back our state and invest in our future."*

- Matt Schmit

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Above all, we need to work together. Neither political party has all the answers. We need problem solvers willing to peel away from the extreme party lines and work in the middle – not more politicians who simply toe the party line. If you give me a chance to work for you, I won't let you down.

With your support, we can make Minnesota work again!

Matt

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## About me

**Occupation:** Public Policy Consultant

**Education:** Red Wing High School

Undergraduate studies in biology and political science, Saint John's University

Graduate studies in economics and public policy, University of Minnesota

**About:** Matt Schmit was born and raised in Red Wing, Minnesota. The eldest of three brothers, he is the son of a retired schoolteacher and a football coach. Matt attended Saint Joseph's Elementary and graduated from Red Wing High School; he was a three-sport athlete and finished near the top of his class.

Matt attended Saint John's University - his father's alma mater - where he studied biology and political science and took great interest in the intersection of science and public policy. Matt was an active undergrad, participating in various on-campus and community organizations; he served in student government and was a popular resident advisor. As a pre-med student, he became a trained nursing assistant and emergency medical technician. Matt was a member of the Saint John's football team and enjoyed watching his former teammates win a national championship in 2003.

Shortly after graduation, Matt accepted a job with the Minnesota Senate K-12 Education Finance Committee. Matt worked at the Senate for four years - and refocused his career and educational aspirations on economics and public policy. Matt's work experience with the Senate K-12 Education Finance Committee taught him a great deal about the people and process behind state government.

Matt left the Senate to attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Beginning in 2005 he worked on a variety of projects, including focus on: increasing the performance of Minnesota's existing transportation infrastructure; improving the state's transportation finance system to ensure safer roads and bridges; adopting a regional approach to economic development that builds upon existing and emerging economic strengths; and examining new community-based approaches for enhanced broadband connectivity.

During this time Matt began his own public policy consulting firm, P3 Strategies. Since 2007, Matt has worked as an independent consultant focusing primarily on the areas of economic development, community broadband deployment and transportation policy. Integration of "21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure" is a primary focus of his work - and his

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research. For approximately six years Matt has maintained active membership on the Transportation Research Board, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences.

Through his work, Matt has engaged various agencies within state government, as well as many of Minnesota's Fortune 500 companies and largest employers. He has worked directly with a broad array of local units of government, trade organizations, chambers of commerce, regional economic development authorities, and area foundations.

Having maintained close ties to Saint John's University, Matt previously served as a member of the school's board of regents and remains class chair.

Matt enjoys an active lifestyle of hiking, camping, fishing, cycling and skiing. He occasionally competes in "sprint" triathlons and half marathons. Matt is an avid reader and enjoys Southeast Minnesota's rugged bluffs, winding trout streams, and rich farmland - where he has taken an interest in growing local grape varieties.



Brother Danny's college graduation



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## Where I Stand

**Reduce property taxes.** Matt understands that the state budget cannot be balanced on the backs of homeowners and businesses. He will work to make our communities stronger and bring property taxes down for all Minnesotans.

Minnesota's historic support for progressive taxation has served the state well; Matt supports reducing the middle-class tax burden.

**Advocate for Minnesota's small business.** Small business is the engine of Minnesota's economy. Matt supports policies to help small business start-up and grow, creating well-paying jobs for area families. He will work to keep these businesses successful - here in Minnesota.

**Promote world-class education.** Matt opposed the Legislature's insistence on "borrowing" over \$2 billion from our schools. He supports investments in education to ensure all children are ready for the jobs of the 21st century.

The state should support public education by providing our schools with the resources they need to thrive. Local levy dollars should be available for new facilities, added technology or enrichment programs - not consumed by operating expenses once equitably provided by the state.

We ought not play games with K-12 school funding. We need to invest in our students, teacher and schools - striking the right balance among high expectations, smart testing, local control, and teaching discretion.

**Grow Jobs.** To make Minnesota work again, here's Matt's bottom line:

- Reduce property taxes; skyrocketing property tax increases hurt our businesses. He'll work to reduce property taxes and pursue smart tax reform
- Support small business inputs; Minnesota needs effective job training, safe roads and bridges; 21st century telecommunications, a streamlined regulatory structure, and an emphasis on jobs in cutting-edge green energy and technology
- Provide predictability in government regulation & taxes

**Protect our natural resources.** As an avid outdoorsman and lifelong resident of Southeast Minnesota, Matt's inspired by the region's rugged bluffs, winding trout streams, and rich farmland - not to mention our defining resource, the Mississippi River.

In difficult economic times, we must take a long-term view of our scarce natural resources and responsibly balance economic development opportunities with environmental stewardship. We must provide our communities with all resources necessary for sound decision-making at the local level.

**Restore the American Dream.** We live in a society - not simply an economy. We need to look out for one another - particularly the young, old, and vulnerable among us. Society benefits when we all have access to quality education, health care, food and shelter. As a state, we need to ensure that the American Dream, not simply basic sustenance, is accessible to those willing to work for it.

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Kick-off Event with Congressman Tim Walz



"I'm ready to run - and I'm ready to win."

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## Photogallery

Check out photos of Matt and his supporters in action — in the community and on the campaign trail!



Schmit for Senate supporters are ready to march at the Lake City Water Ski Days parade.



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- Make phone calls
- Knock on doors
- Tell your friends and family about our campaign
- Display a lawn sign
- Host a fundraiser or door knock event
- Distribute literature
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## Our Radio Messages

### 60-Second Message:

I'm Matt Schmit and I'm running for state senate here in district 21.

I'm a small business owner in my hometown of Red Wing - and for the last 10 years I've worked in state level policy, mostly as a private consultant.

Like many Minnesotans, I was frustrated with last summer's state government shutdown - and I worry if we send the same people back next year, with the same problems again, we're likely to get the same result.

My plan for making Minnesota work again is pretty simple. First, let's balance our budget once and for all

Second, let's quit passing the buck down to the local level. A lot of Minnesota's budget burden has been shifted down to our cities and schools - and property tax payers are feeling the pinch.

Third, we need problem solvers in Saint Paul, leaders who will compromise - not more politicians who will say or do anything to win an election.

I'm Matt Schmit and I'm running for state senate. I will always put people ahead of politics. I ask for your vote on November 6.

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Matt Schmit For Senate · 1 hour

Happy Halloween! If there's anything scarier than zombies, ghosts and ghouls, it's Schmit for Senate supporters not showing up to vote next Tuesday.

Remember to cast your ballot, and if you'd like to help out with our get out the vote efforts by phone banking or door knocking, please let us know via Facebook message. We'll get in touch with you right away.

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link · Monday

Did you miss Matt's debate last Thursday? Check out the Red Wing Republican-Eagle recap.



Seniors candidates emphasize moderate stances | The Republican Eagle | Red Wing, Minnesota

The two Minnesota Senate District 21 candidates focused on quality of...

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Start your own party and off with an "Americanism" movement. Ken's a

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Former state Senator Sharon (Marko) Wolcott worked with Matt in the Minnesota Senate, and draws upon her experience to write a letter of support in the Winona Daily News.

Sharon (Marko) Wolcott: Backs Matt

I met Matt Schmit 10 years ago following my own election to the Minnesota State Senate. As member of the education finance committee, I was an experienced lawmaker looking for help getting through an

letter to the editor of the Winona Daily News from Matt's parents.



Paul and Rae Lynn Schmit: Vote for our son

Since we saw Matt Schmit endorsed for candidate for state Senate, we have noticed in nearly 20 years, personally, we had no other 2,000 kids, and made hundreds of phone calls to

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Burke Murphy Matt - for sure an amazing shucker read - we need more of it! Way to go padres - buena suerte Matt!

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Matt Schmit For Senate Timeline Now

Just when you thought political debate season was over-- we've got one more! Matt will take part in the Senate District 21 candidate debate at the St. James Hotel this Thursday, Oct. 25 at noon.

Senate candidates will debate Oct. 25 | The Republican Eagle | Red Wing, Minnesota



A debate between District 21 Senate candidates John Howe and Matt Schmit

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Ceri Everett What I could be there to cheer you on!

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link. October 21

Lee Munnich highlights Matt's policy experience and entrepreneurial spirit in this letter to the editor of the Kenyon Leader. Thanks for your support, Lee!

Vote for Matt Schmit for state senate!

To the Editor

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link. October 18

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Matt Schmit For Senate Timeline Now

The press coverage for Matt keeps coming this week! Matt talks

"You've got to have a backbone, and you've got to have the political courage to stand up to interest groups, to stand up to your party and do what is right," Schmit said.

Senate District 21: Howe, Schmit both tout willingness to work across the aisle

Senate District 21: Howe, Schmit both tout willingness to work across the aisle - The Paul Schmit is Rochester and Southeast Minnesota's number one local news, sports, weather, entertainment and business source

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"Happy warrior" Matt Schmit talks to the Winona Daily News about the issues in the district 21 race.

Incumbent Howe challenged by Red Wing resident for state Senate seat

Sen. John Howe and his challenger, Matt Schmit, say they are committed to finding genuine solutions to the first-order issues facing up to the window

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link. October 20

Do you know the three main points of Matt's platform? See where Matt stands in this video posted on the KTTC Rochester website.

VIDEO - KTTC Rochester, Austin, Mason City; Matt Schmit

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Matt Schmit For Senate updated their cover photo. October 20



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Ceri Eversett I also got some nice photos. I'll try to post them ASAP

October 17 at 8:28am via mobile Like

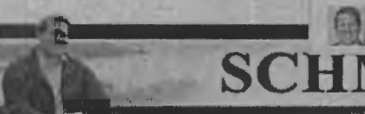
Matt Schmit For Senate Thanks, Ceri. We were so glad the room was packed, but it also made it tough to find a good spot to take photos. Looking forward to seeing your pictures!

October 21 at 8:48am Like

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link  
October 15 at 11:30am

Senate supporters for a fundraising event in Red Wing this Wednesday. Just three weeks to go before the election!



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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link  
October 4 at 11:30am

Although Big Bird's future was not discussed at last night's candidate forum, some important local issues were. Here's a recap from the Winona Daily News with some great quotes from Matt:



Area candidates debate at forum

Area state legislative candidates discussed constitutional amendments, farm issues and southeast Minnesota's future at a Wednesday forum hosted by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters Minnesota.

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link  
October 17 at 11:30am

What's in Matt's binder? More letters of support! Here's another one from Bruce Yernberg, published in last Thursday's Red Wing Republican Eagle.



Letters Pick moderate Schmit, Bacon | The Republican Eagle | Red Wing, Minnesota

www.republican-eagle.com

Remember the last Minnesota legislative session? Remember the year before?

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link  
October 16 at 11:30am

Matt genuinely appreciates all the public support he's received so far. He's grateful for the public support he's received so far. He's grateful for the public support he's received so far. He's grateful for the public support he's received so far.

Matt Schmit For Senate Timeline Now



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Our state is in dire straits. We have an over \$2 billion budget deficit, more of

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link  
October 7 at 11:30am

The support Matt's receiving is tremendous-- another great letter to the editor in the Red Wing Republican-Eagle. Huge thanks to Virg and Dee Glebe!



Letters Schmit will get work done | The Republican Eagle | Red Wing, Minnesota

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We have known Matt Schmit and his family for as long as we have lived in

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Barke Murphy Way to go Matt!

October 7 at 8:48am Like

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link  
October 3 at 11:30am

Just a reminder: Before watching the presidential debate tonight, come hear your local candidates talk about issues closer to home. The candidate forum for Senate 21/House 21b is tonight from 7-8 p.m. at the Winona City Hall council chamber. Hope to see you there!

Statewide Event Calendar - League of Women Voters Minnesota (LWVMN)

www.lwvminn.org

Number of events for all legislative sessions

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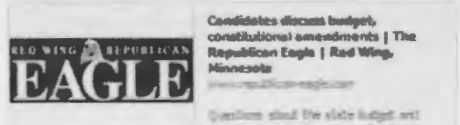


Liked John Bacon

Earlier in 2012

Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link. September 28 @

In case you missed it, the Red Wing Republican-Eagle has great coverage of Thursday's LWV SD 21/HD 21a candidate forum. Come on out to support Matt in the next LWV candidate forum this Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Winona City Hall council chambers at 7 p.m!



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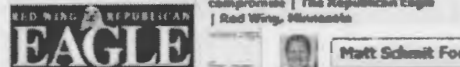


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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link. September 24 @

Great support from long-time Red Wing residents George and Margaret Carter in this letter to the editor of the Red Wing Republican Eagle. We greatly appreciate it!



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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link. September 26 @

Come on out to support Matt this Thursday evening! Bring friends and family to find out more about the House and Senate candidates in district 21.

"Senate District 21 League of Women Voters Forum"

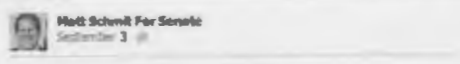
Thursday, September 27, 2012

...See More

Watch a City Meeting Online

Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link. September 3 @

Hope everyone is having a relaxing Labor Day! We had a great time meeting voters in the district this weekend. We're back in action at the Kellogg Watermelon Festival parade next Sunday-- we'll see you there, and let us know if you're interested in walking with us!



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Matt Schmit For Senate September 6 @

Last parade of election season tomorrow-- the Kellogg Watermelon Festival! The parade starts at 2 p.m.-- come on down to join us.

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Matt Schmit For Senate August 22 @

We're bringing a little bit of the State Fair to Red Wing! Join us on Monday, Aug. 27 for some fair-themed fun a little closer to home, and find out more about our campaign. Feel free to bring friends and family!

YOU ARE INVITED to STATE FAIR STYLE FUNDRAISER for MATT SCHMIT For DFL Senate District 21 MONDAY AUGUST 27TH 5-7:00PM

Matt Schmit For Senate August 29 @

Three parades in one weekend-- thanks to all our volunteers for helping to make it happen! Let's keep the momentum going-- 79 days until the election.

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Matt Schmit For Senate added 8 photos to the album Parades August 19 @

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Matt Schmit For Senate added 11 photos to the album: Parades. August 12

**Matt Schmit For Senate** Timeline Launched

**Matt Schmit For Senate** July 31 at 10:00

The countdown to Election Day has reached double digits-- 99 days to go! Now more than ever, we could use your help to spread the word about our campaign. If you're interested in coming to a parade (Red Wing River City Days this Sunday!) or doorknocking, send us a facebook message or e-mail [matt@schmitforsenate.com](mailto:matt@schmitforsenate.com) and we'll contact you with additional details. Have a great week!

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**Matt Schmit For Senate** shared a link. July 30

Matt writes about the need for a responsible, honest state budget in the *Kanyon Leader*!

**Balanced the budget honestly**  
[www.2ndterm.com](http://www.2ndterm.com)

Just one year ago Minnesota was in the midst of the largest state government shutdown in record & millions of dollars in services were the most victims in state history - refused to compromise. Thousands of

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**Matt Schmit For Senate** July 27 at 10:00

Thanks to all for a great fourth of July! Looking forward to even more parades in district 21 this month-- starting with Mazepa Daze and the Winona County Fair this weekend.

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**Matt Schmit For Senate** July 3 at 10:00

Have a safe and happy 4th of July, everyone! Try to stay cool! We'll be marching in two parades tomorrow-- Cannon Falls and Wauamingo. If you'd like to join us at either of the parades, we'd love to have you!

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**Matt Schmit For Senate** June 28 at 10:00

**Parades (24 photos)**

**Matt Schmit For Senate** July 13 at 10:00

You're all invited to an open house at our new campaign headquarters in Red Wing this Thursday, July 19! See details below.

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**MATT SCHMIT**

7:00 to 8:30 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$25, \$50 OR \$100  
If possible, please RSVP to [EVENTS@SCHMITFORSENATE.COM](mailto:EVENTS@SCHMITFORSENATE.COM)  
2000000 & 20th Ave SE, Cannon Falls, MN 55010

**Matt Schmit For Senate** shared a link. June 25 at 10:00

Matt writes about how he'll work to get Minnesota back on track in this letter to the editor in the *Zumbrota News-Record*. (Matt's editorial is the second letter on the page.)

Letters to the Editor - June 26, 2012 - News Record - Zumbrota - Zumbrota, MN  
[www.znnews.com](http://www.znnews.com)

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Matt Schmit For Senate updated their cover photo.  
June 14

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link.  
June 11

It's a busy summer on the campaign trail-- check out the Schmit for Senate parade schedule on our recently relaunched website! Send a facebook message with the dates you're interested in marching if you'd like to join us.



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### Received first outside endorsement

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association endorsed Matt for the District 21 senate seat.

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link.  
May 30

More buzz about Matt's endorsement at the nominating convention... this time in the Goodhue-Bellevue Messenger!

Matt Schmit Unanimously Endorsed at Senate District 21 Convention  
goodhue.com

Goodhue, MN - On Sunday, May 6, Matt Schmit was unanimously endorsed by Senate District 21 Democrats. The turnout by the enthusiastic support our campaign

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link.  
May 9

Spread the news!

"Lifelong Red Wing resident Matt Schmit earned the endorsement of every Democrat in Senate District 21 who attended the nominating convention Sunday.

"I'm humbled by the enthusiastic support our campaign has received," Schmit said."

Schmit unanimously endorsed at District 21 convention | The Republican Eagle | Red Wing, Minnesota  
www.republicaneagle.com  
convention Sunday

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Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link.  
May 9

Matt talks to the Winona Daily News about gearing up for the District 21 Senate race.

Schmit to take on Howe for senate  
winonadailynews.com

Senate District 21 candidate Matt Schmit gained the DFL nod at a Sunday endorsing convention to take on incumbent Republican state Sen. John Howe of Red Wing.

Matt Schmit For Senate shared a link.  
May 9

Matt earned the DFL endorsement by unanimous voice vote today! Watch for coverage in the Red Wing Republican Eagle later this week.

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**Received unanimous approval for endorsement at the District 21 DFL nominating convention**

May 6 · 4

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**Matt Schmit For Senate**  
May 2 · 4

DFL Nominating Convention this Sunday, May 6 in Goodhue! Stay tuned for more information on upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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**Matt Schmit For Senate** updated their cover photo:  
April 28 · 4

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**Matt Schmit For Senate** shared a link:  
April 7 · 4

Schmit said his campaign will focus on education and infrastructure reform and strengthening Minnesota's economy. If elected, he said he won't shy away from reaching across the aisle to build our future together. [View link](#)  
Schmit said, "In my case, the walk will match the talk."

**Matt Schmit For Senate** shared a link:  
January 28 · 4

After being disappointed by the state legislature for years, Matt Schmit has decided to take matters into his own hands.

**Red Wing entrepreneur state senate seat**  
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Like you, I've grown tired of witnessing one failed state legislative session after another. Instead of investing in our future, our elected leaders have overseen shutdown and scandal – and they've repeatedly punt the ball on important decisions. This is simply unacceptable. We deserve better. We can do better. Join me, and let's move Minnesota forward.



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Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/29/2012	Downpayment for Fundraiser	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Added Value Printing 10755 93rd Ave N Osseo, MN 55369					
Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
07/05/2012	Golf Tournament Signs	1,226.15	0.00	0.00	1,226.15
AFSCME International (Registered Id: 30204) 1625 L St NW Washington, DC 200365665					
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05/12/2012	In kind: NCEC Senate Targeting Data	0.00	0.00	2,020.00	2,020.00
AFSCME MN People Committee Council 5 PAC (Registered Id: 30593) 300 Hardman Ave S #3 South St Paul, MN 550752470					
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09/18/2012	In kind: Salaries & Benefits	0.00	0.00	5,128.53	5,128.53
10/22/2012	In kind: Salaries & Benefits	0.00	0.00	6,171.38	6,171.38
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Agosto Inc 901 N 3rd St #115 Minneapolis, MN 55401					
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09/09/2012	IT Support	2,690.63	0.00	0.00	2,690.63
Air Charters Inc 8768 N Bay Dr Chanhassen, MN 55317					
Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
05/15/2012	Air Fare	2,379.38	0.00	0.00	2,379.38
Alyssa Siems Roberson Featherstone 3932 38th Ave. S Minneapolis, MN 55406					
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07/01/2012	Volunteer Food & Beverage for training	733.00	0.00	0.00	733.00
American Club 419 Highland Dr. Kohler, WI 53044					
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07/26/2012	Lodging	723.38	0.00	0.00	723.38
AT&T Mobility PO Box 6438 Carol Stream, IL 60197					
Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
09/27/2012	Cell Phone Minutes	2,356.64	0.00	0.00	2,356.64
Axel's Bonfire 850 Grand Ave Saint Paul, MN 55105					
Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/22/2012	Fundraising Lunch	174.34	0.00	0.00	174.34
B & H Video 420 9th Ave New York, NY 10001					
Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/15/2012	Camera Equipment	547.99	0.00	0.00	547.99