

KLENKE FOR ASSEMBLY

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John Klenke Declares Candidacy for 88th Assembly District

Former Schneider National executive says he will “put an end to the reckless spending, over-taxation and poor decision making in Madison.”

(Green Bay, WI) – Recently retired Schneider National executive John Klenke announced today his candidacy for the 88th Assembly District. Klenke will run as a Republican.

“My highest priority is to put an end to the reckless spending, over-taxation and poor decision making we’ve seen from Madison that is costing our state jobs and threatening our children’s future,” said Klenke. “Our elected leaders need to be better stewards of the precious resources the taxpayers of Wisconsin have entrusted to state government.”

Klenke served in multiple posts during his 22 plus years at Schneider National including vice president of corporate development, treasurer and president of Schneider Finance.

“I have a background in business and finance but it doesn’t take any special training to know that the politicians in Madison are bankrupting our state,” said Klenke referring to recent reports that Wisconsin’s budget deficit is one of the worst in the country.

Klenke said controlling state government spending will allow tax reductions that are needed to grow Wisconsin’s economy.

“Our state has consistently ranked as one of the 10 worst states in which to conduct business. Wisconsin’s tax burden also ranks at or near the top,” said Klenke. “These rankings are a key reason why Wisconsin continues to struggle with creating jobs. We need new leaders in Madison who won’t accept the status quo any longer.”

Klenke said he disagrees with Democrat incumbent State Representative Jim Soletski’s support for state budgets that have increased taxes by \$5 billion and increased spending by \$3.6 billion in the face of massive deficits.

Klenke also opposes the Soletski-authored global warming legislation that some reports say could raise energy costs in Wisconsin by \$16 billion.

“Representative Soletski has voted for massive tax increases. He’s voted for massive increases in state spending and he’s now authoring global warming legislation that will only make energy more expensive for Wisconsin families and businesses,” said Klenke. “We need to do all we can to make Wisconsin a less costly state to live, work and play in, and Representative Soletski’s votes are taking us in the wrong direction.”

Klenke and his wife Charlotte live on Green Bay’s east side. The couple has 6 children ranging in age from 13 to 28. Klenke grew up working in his father’s business, Aim Variety. The 88th Assembly District covers most of east Green Bay as well as the 27th and 36th wards on Green Bay’s west side.