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***HANCOCK COUNTY LEADERS ENDORSE LUKE MESSER***  
*City and County Leaders Voice Support for Messer's Congressional Candidacy*

(Greenfield, IN)— Republican former State Representative Luke Messer announced on Thursday that key Hancock County leaders endorse his candidacy for Indiana's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Republican Primary.

"After serving with Luke as a State Representative, I've seen his leadership ability first-hand," said State Representative Bob Cherry. "He is a strong conservative and he will be a great leader for the 6<sup>th</sup> District." State Senator Bev Gard added, "Luke Messer has a strong record of delivering positive results in the state legislature and he will do the same for us in Congress."

"Messer has strong support in Hancock County," said Michael Griffin, Hancock County Prosecutor and Republican Chairman. "That support is a direct result of the time and effort Luke has spent here over the last two years.

"I'm honored to have the support of this great leadership team in Hancock County," Messer said. "These individuals have helped their community accomplish great things and I hope to be working with them soon to continue this progress throughout the 6<sup>th</sup> District."

Messer's endorsements include the Republican County Chair and Vice Chair, both sitting State Legislators, the incoming Mayor of Greenfield and two sitting County Commissioners. Hancock County leaders who endorse Luke Messer include:

- State Senator Bev Gard
- State Representative Bob Cherry
- Hancock County Prosecutor and Republican County Chairman Michael Griffin
- Hancock County Republican County Vice-Chair Tara Armstrong
- Greenfield Mayor-Elect Dick Pasco
- Hancock County Commissioner Brad Armstrong
- Hancock County Commissioner Tom Stevens
- Hancock County Councilman Bill Bolander
- Former Sugar Creek Township Trustee C.O. Montgomery

"As encouraged as we are by this early support, we are just getting started," Messer concluded. "We pledge to keep working to build our grassroots team in the weeks and months ahead."

**About Luke Messer**

Luke Messer, 42, is the President and CEO of the Hoosiers for Economic Growth Network and served in the Indiana General Assembly from 2003-2006. During his tenure in the legislature, Messer earned a 100% rating

from Indiana Right to Life, an "A" rating from the NRA, and was best known for authoring nationally recognized high school drop-out reform legislation. Messer is also a former Executive Director of the Indiana Republican Party, serving from 2001-2005.

Luke grew up in Greensburg, and he and his wife Jennifer are raising their two daughters and a son in Shelbyville. Luke also served as an elder at his church and is the author a children's book about Indiana entitled Hoosier Heart. To learn more about Luke Messer's campaign, log on to [www.lukemesser.com](http://www.lukemesser.com).

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