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Post-General Election 2008

General Election Results: Voters Support Fiscally Conservative Candidates But Fiscally Liberal Control Still Exists

**Iowans for Tax Relief PAC Endorsed Candidates:
50 Wins and 20 Losses
71% Victory Rate**

The General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 was a successful night for fiscally conservative candidates endorsed by Iowans for Tax Relief PAC. Iowans for Tax Relief PAC endorsed a total of 70 candidates with 50 winning and 20 losing, a 71% record.

The candidates Iowans for Tax Relief PAC endorsed believe in the mission of Iowans for Tax Relief, which is to limit the growth of government spending and taxes for the benefit of all Iowans. These candidates put their shoes to the sidewalks to listen to the concerns of voters and share their vision of fiscal responsibility for state government. On Tuesday, voters across Iowa supported their vision and elected fiscally conservative candidates to serve in the Iowa Legislature.

The balance of power in the Iowa House is now at 56 Democrats and 44 Republicans, and in the Iowa Senate 32 Democrats and 18 Republicans. Governor Culver, Democrat, was not up for re-election this cycle.

On January 12, 2009, the first day of the new Legislative General Assembly, elected candidates will be sworn in as State Legislators and are charged with serving all Iowans. Iowans for Tax Relief will again be at the Iowa Capitol working to educate all Legislators on legislative bill proposals and their effect on Iowa taxpayers, and advocating for fiscal responsibility.

Taxpayers will be under attack as the State of Iowa already has a \$500 million budget hole. This does not include what liberal leaders will want to spend to pay back the special interests that financed their campaigns.

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Elimination of Federal Deductibility

Income Tax Increase

Raiding of SILO Dollars

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ITR- PAC Endorsed Candidates:

Iowa Senate	Win (11)
District 02	Randy Feenstra
District 06	Merlin Bartz
District 20	Tim Kapucian
District 24	Jerry Behn
District 26	Steve Kettering
District 30	Pat Ward
District 32	Brad Zaun
District 36	Paul McKinley
District 40	Jim Hahn
District 42	Shawn Hamerlinck*
District 48	Kim Reynolds*

Iowa Senate	Loss (3)
District 08	Mark Zieman
District 10	Walt Rogers **
District 22	Jarret Heil

Iowa House	Loss (17)
District 09	Jamie Johnson
District 16	Randy Schissel
District 18	Austin Lorenzen
District 19	Carlin Hageman*
District 21	Tami Wienczek
District 23	Dan Rasmussen
District 29	Emma Nemecek
District 31	Dena Himes
District 43	Jane Jech
District 61	Eric Kohlsdorf
District 67	Larry Disney
District 75	Danny Carroll
District 80	Robert Howard
District 81	Jamie VanFossen
District 84	Ross Paustian
District 89	Jarad Klein
District 95	Doug Smith

Iowa House	Win (39)
District 03	Chuck Soderberg
District 04	Dwayne Alons
District 05	Royd Chambers
District 06	Mike May
District 08	Dolores Mertz
District 10	Dave Deyoe
District 11	Henry Rayhons
District 12	Linda Upmeyer
District 32	Steve Lukan
District 35	Kraig Paulsen
District 36	Nick Wagner
District 37	Renee Schulte
District 39	Dawn Pettengill
District 40	Lance Horbach
District 44	Annette Sweeney
District 52	Gary Worthan
District 53	Dan Huseman
District 54	Christopher Rants
District 55	Jason Schultz*
District 56	Matt Windschitl
District 57	Jack Drake
District 58	Clel Baudler
District 59	Chris Hagenow*
District 60	Peter Cownie
District 69	Erik Helland*
District 70	Kevin Koester
District 71	Jim Van Engelenhoven*
District 72	Richard Arnold
District 73	Jodi Tymeson
District 74	Kent Sorensen
District 76	Betty DeBoef
District 79	Jeff Kaufmann
District 82	Linda Miller
District 83	Steve Olson
District 87	Tom Sands
District 96	Cecil Dolecheck
District 97	Richard Anderson
District 98	Greg Forristall
District 99	Doug Struyk

*= Supported in Primary Election

**= The results are still being tabulated

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