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## **Berkeley County Leaders Endorse Tim Scott for Congress**

Several Berkeley County leaders this week announced their endorsements of Republican State Representative Tim Scott for Congress.

Included in the group of elected leaders were State Senators Larry Grooms and Paul Campbell, State Representatives Jim Merrill, David Umphlett, and Joe Daning, Goose Creek Mayor Michael Heitzler, and City Councilman John McCants

Larry Grooms, Senator from Berkeley County, said, "Tim Scott's conservative voting record in the South Carolina State House will be a great asset for us in Congress."

"Tim Scott has proven himself to be one of the most conservative members of the State House," said Merrill. "I witnessed him cut spending and work to lower taxes and help attract jobs to South Carolina. Now we need Tim Scott to go to Washington and do the same thing up there. Our country needs true conservatives to shrink the size of our federal government and protect our liberties. That's exactly what Tim Scott will do. How do I know? Because I've already seen him do it in Columbia."

Daning said he believes Scott will be able to help recruit industry.

"Tim Scott was involved in recruiting Boeing at the very earliest stages," Daning said. "He knows how to roll up his sleeves and put in the hard work needed to attract new employers and stimulate our local economy."

Mayor Michael Heitzler said Tim Scott's Berkeley County roots will be an asset for our entire district.

"Tim Scott will never forget us," said Heitzler.

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Scott said he is honored to have support from elected leaders such as Grooms, Campbell, Merrill, Umphlett, Daning, Heitzler, and McCants.

“Along with the dozens of local business leaders who are supporting our effort, having the support of these elected leaders is especially meaningful. They all realize that our nation is at a crossroads. We must send a congressman to Washington who will fight the Obama/Reid/Pelosi administration, and save our nation from the continuing drift toward socialism.”

Scott is considered a leading contender for the upcoming June 8th Republican Primary for the Congressional seat being vacated by Congressman Henry Brown. According to Federal Election Commission reports released in April, Scott is the leading fundraiser in the race out of the nine contenders.

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