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**Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch  
endorses Barbara Dittrich for Representative of Wisconsin's 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District**

*City of Oconomowoc* — At a campaign event in Oconomowoc Wednesday evening, Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch officially endorsed Barbara Dittrich, a Conservative Republican, as Representative of Wisconsin's 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. The Lieutenant Governor's husband, Joel Kleefisch (R), currently holds the seat and will be vacating it at the end of this term.

"When it comes to politics, there are two types of people. There are those folks who come to be someone, and then there are those folks who come to do something. My husband, State Representative Joel Kleefisch, was a guy who came to politics to do something. And in my opinion, he has done some pretty great things," said Kleefisch. She continued, "So how do you follow that up? When we were reflecting on it, I wanted Barb because she is passionate and well-educated, but she is also knowledgeable on the issues that affect people like her. It's her love of neighbors and community as well as a willingness to get to know other parts of the district that make her a great candidate. Barb Dittrich has been willing to spend the time with the people of the 38<sup>th</sup>. In the end, I believe people will not only find in her a friend, but also an advocate who takes their values, hopes, and dreams to Madison. We need to elect her."

Dittrich has lived in Oconomowoc for nearly 30 years. She and her husband Steve, a lifetime resident of Oconomowoc, are former small business owners as well as active community members. Her service has ranged from local organizations such as Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce, Lutheran Homes of Oconomowoc, and Crosspoint Community Church, to regional and national organizations such as Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation and The Christian Council on Persons with Disabilities. Dittrich has diverse career experience having spent 13 years in the investment industry, as well as more than 15 years in non-profit special needs leadership.

When asked what issue of the many on her platform that she would attack first in Madison, Dittrich responded, "As many of you know, I have a son with a severe, chronic illness, so we spend a great deal of time in the health care arena. I feel that my experience in this area will be a great asset to constituents who know that we still have much work to do on this nation's health care mess. I also feel that mental health care and opioid abuse go hand-in-hand with that issue. I'm excited to get started working and serving the people of my district and my state in Madison."

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