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## **Patterson Backs Price for 21<sup>st</sup> House District**

*Tough Times Call for Proven Leadership and Dedication*

Canton, MI – State Senator Bruce Patterson officially endorsed Shannon Price in the race for State Representative in the 21<sup>st</sup> District today. The district includes the City of Belleville, most of Canton Township, and Van Buren Township.

“As a State Representative and Senator I have not been afraid to take on special interests or even my own Political party to make our community and Michigan a better place to live,” said Senator Bruce Patterson. “This is a critical time for our state and we need leaders that will be able make tough decisions on day one. “That is why I am proud to announce that I am supporting Shannon Price for State Representative for the 21<sup>st</sup> District.”

When a developer took advantage of a loophole in the state law and attempted to annex 414 acres from Northville Township in a neighboring community, Shannon Price worked with Senator Patterson on legislation that would close this loophole. Price also joined Senator Patterson and Supervisor LaJoy in teaching a Leadership Canton class on how state government operates.

“With our state leading the nation in all of the wrong categories, now is not the time to be raising taxes,” continued Patterson. “Shannon supports eliminating the Michigan Business Tax and amending the State Constitution to require a super majority for any new tax increase—this will send a clear message to the world that Michigan is open for business.”

“While on the County Commission, Senator Patterson and Congressman McCotter led the fight to amend the Wayne County Charter to require a super majority vote to raise any new taxes in Wayne County,” added Shannon Price. “Now is the time to fight to amend our state constitution to have the same requirements. If a two-thirds vote is required to reject a state worker pay increase, it clearly should take more than a standard majority vote to increase taxes.”

The Wayne County amendment states that any proposal for a tax increase must be approved by a 2/3 vote of commissioners serving to be placed on the ballot and approved by a vote of more than 60% of the qualified electors of Wayne County voting in order to be adopted. As it currently stands, sixteen states have the limitation of a supermajority vote when raising taxes, with Michigan requiring approval by three-quarters of the legislature on any alteration to the state property tax assessment only.

“Shannon Price has the experience, drive, and dedication to fight for our communities and I am extremely confident that that he is the right choice to be our next State Representative,” said Senator Patterson.

“I am honored to have the support of Senator Patterson,” said Shannon Price. “Senator Patterson has been recognized as Legislator of the Year and selected as Michigan’s Free Market Champion, and has been a key in making our state a better place to live. I am truly humbled to have his support, and look forward to working with him on behalf of our community.”

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