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### PERSELL ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS AND SUPPORT

**BEMIDJI, MN** – John Persell, Democratic candidate for District 4A House of Representatives, recently received endorsements and support from a number of independent organizations representing hundreds of area workers and their families. In response to the support and endorsements he has received so far, Persell commented, “The hard working families that these organizations represent have honest fears and concerns about the direction our state is going. Our economy has nose-dived and people are afraid for their jobs. People believe that we need continued leadership we can trust in ST. Paul, leadership that will address the issues of job growth for areas like northern Minnesota. Leadership we can trust to protect our natural resources for the use of all our citizens as well as use as an economic resource. Leadership to honestly try to solve our health care crisis and bring affordable health care to all Minnesotans as well as our small businesses. Leadership we can trust to fight for equitable education funding that doesn’t tax us out of our homes and leadership that will protect our rights to hunt and fish.

Some of the groups recently endorsing the Persell candidacy are: the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE)), the Minnesota Laborers Union, the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 5 (AFSCME), Conservation Minnesota, Minnesota Farmers Union, Minnesota State Building and Construction Union (Boiler Makers 647), Education Minnesota, Clean Water Action, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA), the Carpenters Local 606 PAC, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, (IBEW), the Inter Faculty Organization and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

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The endorsement process that these organizations undertake includes the interviewing of the candidates along with an assessment of their positions on a wide range of issues. As non-partisan organizations, these groups have historically supported both Democrat and Republican candidates for public office.

Persell said, “Almost without exception, these organizations and the workers they represent are not interested in what party a candidate is affiliated with. Instead what counts is how well a candidate articulates his/her position on various issues that affect the hard working people that these groups represent. I am honored and excited to have earned the support of these groups.”

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