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To My Friends and Neighbors in the 48th District:

As someone who has been advocating for Missouri's children and public schools in the Missouri House and Senate for well over 20 years, I know which of the legislators are friends of children and education, and which are not. Will Kraus is a friend.

I have known Will for far longer than the two years he has spent in the House of Representatives. In all that time he has shown himself to be a good Christian, a good American, a good husband, a good father, and for the last two years, a good legislator for the 48th District. He deserves another term.

Will has worked hard in the Legislature for our children and youth, and the public schools that educate 90 percent of them. He personally sponsored a bill to encourage parent involvement in their children's education. That bill stalled in the House, but when the companion bill came over from the Senate, Will shepherded the bill through to its passage and into Missouri law. Will sponsored legislation to combat bullying in our schools. His bill was one of the first to be sponsored on bullying in schools, putting the problem front and center in the legislature and leading to passage of anti-bullying legislation in just the second year of its consideration. Also, Representative Kraus worked with other area legislators to get a new Foundation Formula that would be good for our public schools. That formula is now in place, and many, many educators and other people who are in the know say that Missouri is better because of the new formula.

A crawler across Will's website, www.willkraus.com, states, "Vote for Will Kraus on November, 7th... an independent voice for Missouri families..." That's not campaign talk, that's the reality of what I've seen in Representative Kraus. On any number of issues that were controversial, even contentious, Will voted the conscience of his constituents and what he thought was right and best for children, even though voting that way put him at odds with some leaders of his party. That took courage; that took character; that took just what the crawler says, "an independent voice for Missouri families."

Will's heart is in the right place for those of us who care about children, who value education, and who want the best we can give to the future of our state, our children and youth. We just can't do any better for our District.

Sincerely,



Darrell Swofford