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### **Small Government Advocate Launches Campaign for State Senate**

Jason Priest of Red Lodge, experienced businessman and small government advocate, has officially launched his campaign to represent Stillwater, Carbon, and Sweet Grass Counties in the Montana Senate. He will focus on policies that create high-paying private sector jobs. "Hardworking Montanans deserve an opportunity economy, not the subsistence economy that comes with over-regulation and excessive spending of recent years," said Priest.

Jason has been elected twice to the Red Lodge City Council, serves as Chairman of the Carbon County Republicans, and is the Executive Director of the Montana Growth Network, a grassroots organization dedicated to making Montana more business friendly. "As a small businessman, I'm familiar with the challenges facing Montana's families," said Priest. "Government spending accounts for too much of the family budget and intrusive regulations are limiting job opportunities."

If elected, Jason will continue to focus on the challenges experienced by most Montanans: "Health care, education, and energy are expensive because of misguided government policies," said Priest. "It is time that we stop using government to socially engineer how businesses invest and families consume. Big government is expensive, it doesn't work, and it intrudes on everyday Montanans' belief in freedom and individual liberty."

Jason is the fifth generation to reside and raise children in Montana. He lives in Red Lodge with his talented and lovely wife Anna, their three children, and close to his mother Paula and grandmother Ruth Sheller.