

## **Marquette Farmer & Businessman Jack Cummings to Run for 42<sup>nd</sup> District Assemblyman**

In the last days of May, Jack Cummings announced he's running for the state assembly. The third-generation Marquette native plans to represent Wisconsin's 42<sup>nd</sup> District as one of its own, standing up for the citizens of Wisconsin as the state emerges from its economic doldrums.

Cummings is motivated by his urge to serve his neighbors. "I keep telling myself that if I don't fix what's broken, living in Wisconsin isn't going to get better. Reduced taxes will make the cost of living more affordable. Less red tape will make running a business easier, so folks can get work done. Lower taxes and fewer forms mean more people will be able to find a job. That means more money goes home. Every family in Wisconsin will benefit from that."

The business and earnings climate in Wisconsin continues to worsen, squeezed between increasing taxes and bureaucratic burdens. At the same time, Madison's current legislators have guided Wisconsin into a broken fiscal state so dire that only California and Michigan are worse off. In essence, the tax & fee spree in Madison has put the state of Wisconsin on the dole, dependent on handouts and stimulus cash from the Obama administration to pay the state's bills.

"I grew up in a household where if money was tight, we didn't go get a new car." Jack Cummings didn't mince words. "When I buy gas, pay bills or drive my tractor, I'm preparing to represent the residents of the 42<sup>nd</sup> District. My family has been in Marquette County for almost 100 years, and most of my family and friends live here. We're the same people."

Cummings feels Madison should focus on big-picture programs like infrastructure, leaving local administrations and school boards to handle neighborhood interests. "The state capitol is designed to run the state, not small towns. Let Madison fix bridges. Wisconsin residents would prefer Milwaukee make decisions for Milwaukee, and Endeavor make decisions for Endeavor."

Popular dissatisfaction with the 42<sup>nd</sup>'s current assemblyman has been another catalyst for Cummings. More than a few folks have questioned how so many promises can be made to the 42<sup>nd</sup>, only to have the exact opposite happen in Madison. The *Portage Daily Register* reports that Fred Clark has recently reaffirmed his support for unions and the prevailing wage, claiming that unions can fix the labor and money problems in Wisconsin. This was said despite big labor's responsibility for the fiscal ruin in his home state of Michigan.

Fred Clark has spent his time in Wisconsin working in state bureaucracy. It's insulated him from his district, readily displayed by the fact that he hasn't met a tax increase he doesn't like. Cummings points out "Our current assemblyman doesn't vote like he represents the 42<sup>nd</sup>. I think he believes the folks in the capital will do a better job spending our money than we can. Then he explains it like he's jamming Madison down our throats. Isn't he supposed to be speaking for the 42<sup>nd</sup>? He's got it backwards."

If you want more taxes and fees, sit on your hands and let the Democrats in the capital prevail. If you prefer to start making repairs to Madison, listen to Jack Cummings for a minute. You can reach Jack at 608.587.2311, or email him at Jack@maqs.net. All correspondence can be mailed to Jack Cummings for Assembly, W7210 County P, Endeavor, WI 53930.