



THE STOUFFER REPORT

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Stouffer's Senate Staff is Here to Help Rural Missourians

Lawmakers kicked off the 2007 legislative session this week with mostly ceremonious and technical work, which means my staff and I will be spending a lot of time in Jefferson City working on legislation, appointments and budgets in the next five months.

For those of you who have visited my office, you probably know how proud I am of my staff. These young people work hard for the citizens of rural Missouri, and since we are already halfway through my term as state senator, I would like to give you a brief introduction to each of them.

Macon County native Aaron Baker serves as chief of staff. Aaron works on education and agriculture issues as well as meeting with constituents, providing tours and helping set the tone and pace of the office. Aaron is a former State 4-H President, State Vice President to the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, and a local board member of the Farm Bureau. Aaron and his wife, Erica, call Macon County their home, while working and living in mid-Missouri.

Another constituent, Heidi Kolkmeyer, works as my director of constituent services. She helps constituents cut through government red tape. A recipient of a National FFA Degree and graduate of Central Missouri University, Heidi is the secretary of the Senate Transportation Committee, which I chair, and is also my scheduler. She lives in Wellington with her new husband, Eric. Her father-in-law ran for state senate in 2004.

Westminster alum Matt Michelson, my legislative aide, works with me on the legislation I sponsor and helps track the legislative progress of the other roughly 3,000 bills filed each year. Matt grew up in the Capitol as the son and grandson of senate staffers and a lobbyist. His connections and the understanding of the system have been a huge help to our district.

In addition, a host of interns and legislative aides from the district work in the Capitol Building. In the Senate, Alma native Chris Roepe serves as the chief of staff to Senate Majority Floor Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, and J.D. McGaugh of Carrollton serves in the office of Sen. Jason Crowell, R-St. Joseph.

I encourage you to contact our office for any of your needs. My staff is the youngest in the Senate, but they work hard to provide top quality customer service for our district.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other issue, please call toll free (866) 768-3987 or by e-mail at bstouffer@senate.mo.gov.

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