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Sen. Kevin Engler Welcomes New Staff

JEFFERSON CITY – As the 2008 legislative session begins, Sen. Kevin Engler is returning to Jefferson City with new additions to his staff. Mike Lodewegen will be in the Jefferson City office working as legislative director while new staff member Marilyn Pinson will be in the Farmington office serving as district director.

The staff in Sen. Engler's office changed after Jarad Falk, former chief of staff, accepted a job as policy director for the Senate Majority Caucus. "We are certainly sad to see Jarad go, and we wish him the best of luck with his new position," said Sen. Engler. "I am also happy to welcome both Marilyn and Mike to our team."

Lodewegen is no stranger to Sen. Engler's office thanks to an internship at the Capitol in 2006. Originally from Memphis, Mo., Lodewegen earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science from Missouri State University in Springfield. His duties at the Capitol will include assisting the senator with drafting legislative measures, researching issues, and addressing the concerns of constituents.

Pinson is a lifelong resident of the 3rd District, and was born and raised in Washington County. A graduate of Mineral Area College and Southeast Missouri University, she spent 12 years working as an elementary school teacher in Washington County, five years with Dept. of Social Services, and retired in 2006 as Executive Director of the Jefferson County Commission Partnership. Pinson also spends her time volunteering in the community. As district director, she will deal with issues within the district including managing the Farmington office and handling constituent issues.

"I am pleased to be able to return to Jefferson City with such an enthusiastic and experienced staff," said Sen. Engler. "They will be an integral part of what is sure to be a successful year."

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