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Senate Majority Vows to Protect Take Home Pay ***Shields Says Republicans will Work with Nixon to Protect Taxpayers***

JEFFERSON CITY – No new taxes, more jobs, a balanced budget and a better prepared workforce are what Missourians can expect from Senate Republicans in the upcoming legislative session that begins Jan. 7, 2009. Sen. Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, who has been endorsed to serve in the Missouri Senate's top position, said the Senate will work with Governor-elect Jay Nixon to protect taxpayers.

Shields said both the governor-elect and Senate Republicans share these goals. He said they discussed the issues earlier this month after he invited Nixon to meet with the caucus.

"My goal as Senate Leader will be to work with the new governor and the House to make sure we protect taxpayers, giving them every opportunity to pursue their dreams and raise their families here in Missouri."

Shields said the four core goals for the next session are:

- Absolutely NO New Job-Killing Taxes
- Creating Jobs
- A Balanced Budget
- Preparing Missouri's Workforce for the Future

"The people of Missouri elected us to protect their jobs and take home pay as well as protect their pocketbooks from out-of-control government spending," Shields said. "We will do that with common sense reforms that create new jobs, passing a balanced budget, and making sure our workforce is prepared for new and emerging industries."

Conference Call with the Press

Sen. Shields will be available to discuss the goals outlined in this release with members of the press. Reporters should call 1-866-630-9352 or 573-526-5904 with questions.

Time: 2:30 p.m.
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