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Sen. Kevin Engler Announces Senate Approval of Gubernatorial Appointee

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, today announced that the Senate has approved the nomination of Michelle L. Hoffmeister of Farmington, who was confirmed as a member of the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities. The 25-member council plans and advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities in order to help individuals achieve better independence, productivity, and inclusion into the community. Having earned a master's degree in psychological counseling from Southeast Missouri State University, Hoffmeister went on to work in the field of counseling, including her most recent position at the Farmington Correctional Center as a psychologist.

"Ms. Hoffmeister is supremely qualified to serve as an advocate for the wellbeing of Missouri's developmentally disabled," Sen. Engler said. "Her experience with mental health services will add an important perspective to the work of the council."

The members of many state commissions and boards are appointed by the governor. Gubernatorial appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor of the nominee in the confirmation process, which begins before the Senate's appointments committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

A high resolution photo of Sen. Engler and Michelle Hoffmeister during the Senate Gubernatorial Appointment Committee meeting on February 25th is attached. If you have any problems with the photo, please contact Senate Communications at 573-751-3824 or sreed@senate.mo.gov.

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