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MEDIA ADVISORY

Sen. Gary Nodler to Discuss Future of Career Ladder

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, will discuss current and forecasted budget difficulties the state is facing and the impact it could have regarding funding the state's Career Ladder Program. Career Ladder provides additional pay to teachers who take on extra duties. The state pays approximately 45 percent of Career Ladder funding, with individual school districts paying the remaining 55 percent.

Nodler, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will be joined by Sen. Norma Champion, R-Springfield, who is a former member of the committee that plays an integral role in shaping the state's budget. Together, they will suggest possible solutions for Career Ladder during a press conference and phone availability on Thursday, October 8, at 2 p.m. in Springfield.

WHO: Sen. Gary Nodler

WHAT: A discussion of state budget difficulties, the

potential impact to Career Ladder funding and

possible solutions.

WHERE: Maranatha Village Community Building

233 E. Norton Springfield, MO

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, at 2 p.m.

Audio Press Conference to Follow

Reporters should call 526-5504 (local) or 866-630-9347 (long distance) at 2:30 p.m. or immediately following the press conference to ask questions on Career Ladder and the possibilities suggested by Sen. Nodler.

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, at 2:30 p.m. or upon

conclusion of press conference.

CALL-IN: Local (Jefferson City) 526-5504 or

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