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SENATOR DICK DURBIN ENDORSES MITCHELL ESSLINGER FOR STATE REP

SHELBYVILLE – United States Senator, Dick Durbin (D-IL), announced his endorsement of Mitchell Esslinger, candidate for the 102nd State Legislative District in Illinois.

“Illinoisans in the 102nd District deserve a Representative who is focused on the challenges of everyday working people,” said Durbin. “Mitchell Esslinger will fight for rural families in Springfield and hold his fellow Representatives accountable. His father’s story illustrates that Mitchell knows the struggles of our veterans and others who can’t get the support they need and has plans to fix it. We need someone who stands up for our vulnerable citizens and supports our working families. I know Mitchell will lead that fight, and I’m proud to endorse him for Illinois State Representative.”

Esslinger, the youngest candidate for the 102nd District in modern history, is also the first ever candidate to challenge incumbent Rep. Halbrook in a general election since Halbrook first took office in 2012. Esslinger says his opponent has failed to support working families in Illinois, and points to examples like Rep. Halbrook’s ‘no’ votes on equal pay and on lowering the cost of insulin. Mitchell Esslinger has focused on the importance of common-sense solutions and getting people the services and resources they need, like high-speed internet, education, affordable health care and prescription drugs, jobs, and mental health care.

Durbin’s endorsement follows a week that saw Esslinger’s campaign announce multiple other endorsements from groups like Equality Illinois, the United Rural Democrats, and UAW Region 4.

Durbin is the senior United States Senator from Illinois and a longtime resident of Springfield. Durbin serves as the Democratic Whip—the second-ranking Democrat in the Senate—and on the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations, Agriculture, and Rules committees.

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