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## **Carpenters Union Announces State Legislative Endorsements**

The North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters is pleased to announce its first round of Minnesota legislative endorsements for 2014. This list represents initial endorsements of incumbent legislators, and considerable additions will be made soon for challengers and in open seats.

“The past two years have been very good for union construction workers,” said Kyle Makarios, the union’s Director of Government Affairs. “Legislators, on a bipartisan basis, passed bills that are creating thousands of construction jobs to put our members back to work.” While the Carpenters union doesn’t keep an official scorecard, the Legislature enacted many bills that were priorities, such as bills to create a Destination Medical Center in Rochester, to expand the Mall of America, to help the Bloomington Central Station project move forward, to extend the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, and to spend more than a billion dollars on public construction projects, as well as to pass several good construction policy bills.

The North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters formally endorses all incumbent Democratic State Representatives that are seeking re-election, as well as the following incumbent Republicans:

<u>District</u>	<u>Legislator</u>
9B	Ron Kresha
13B	Tim O'Driscoll
15B	Jim Newberger
18A	Dean Urdahl
22A	Joe Schomacker
22B	Rod Hamilton
23A	Bob Gunther
23B	Tony Cornish
24A	John Petersburg
28B	Greg Davids
30A	Nick Zerwas
31A	Kurt Daudt

31B	Tom Hackbarth
36A	Mark Uglem
37B	Tim Sanders
38B	Matt Dean
47B	Joe Hoppe
48B	Jenifer Loon
54B	Dennis McNamara
55B	Tony Albright
57A	Tara Mack
57B	Anna Wills
58B	Pat Garofalo

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