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**Speaker Jon Hansen and Rep. Karla Lems to Announce Gubernatorial Campaign**

South Dakota House Speaker Jon Hansen (R-Dell Rapids) and Speaker Pro Tempore Karla Lems (R-Canton) are set to announce their candidacy for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota. The campaign kickoff event will take place on April 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Military Heritage Alliance in Sioux Falls.

"We're looking forward to this announcement and a future in South Dakota where you and your family come first, where the blessings of life and liberty are preserved, where the excessive burden of property taxes is ended, where our family farms and ranches flourish, and where our South Dakota way of life always persists," said Hansen.

The Hansen-Lems ticket emphasizes a commitment to conservative principles and a track record of legislative achievements, including:

- Protecting private property rights and opposing eminent domain for projects like the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline.
- Leading efforts to defeat the extreme abortion amendment G.
- Upholding individual freedoms during the COVID-19 pandemic by avoiding shutdowns and vaccine mandates.
- Advancing laws that protect religious liberty and promote common-sense policies.
- Enhancing government transparency and accountability.
- Securing elections and expanding educational choices through tax credit scholarships.

Hansen and Lems have received top ratings from several conservative organizations, reflecting their dedication to pro-life causes, property rights, and Second Amendment protections.

Their vision for South Dakota includes eliminating burdensome property taxes, ending corporate welfare, and fostering economic growth through support for small and medium-sized businesses. They also pledge to preserve family farming and ranching operations by opposing globalist environmental policies.

"This movement is not about any one of us," Hansen stated. "We have seen—whether it's fighting for life, liberty, or property—when we set aside our disagreements and work toward the good of the people, united we stand."

The campaign invites all South Dakotans to join them on April 24 to learn more about their platform and vision for the state's future.

**Event Details:**

- **What:** Gubernatorial Campaign Announcement
- **Who:** Speaker Jon Hansen and Speaker Pro Tempore Karla Lems
- **When:** April 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM
- **Where:** Military Heritage Alliance, Sioux Falls, SD

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