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## **Congressmen Sensenbrenner, Petri, and Ryan Endorse Judge Gableman for Supreme Court**

*Wisconsin Congressmen say Judge Gableman has “the experience and perspective the high court needs.”*

[Burnett County, Wisc....] Three members of Wisconsin’s Congressional Delegation threw their support behind Judge Michael Gableman today in the race for Supreme Court. U.S. Representatives Jim Sensenbrenner, Thomas Petri, and Paul Ryan all signed on to endorse the Burnett County judge, citing his strong law-enforcement background and common-sense approach to the law.

“I’m proud to endorse a candidate for Wisconsin Supreme Court who understands the important role of the judiciary is to apply, but not make, the law,” said Congressman Sensenbrenner, the former chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. “I’ve seen too many judges in recent years bring a political agenda with them to the bench. I’m confident Judge Gableman will be a justice, not a legislator.”

“Judge Gableman is exactly the kind of judge we need for the Supreme Court here in Wisconsin,” said Congressman Paul Ryan. “As a former prosecutor, he’s dedicated much of his life to keep our neighborhoods a safe place to raise a family. Wisconsin voters can trust the Judge Gableman won’t look for loopholes for criminals to crawl through.”

Judge Gableman served as a district attorney before assuming the role of Burnett Circuit Court Judge, and is the only candidate with law enforcement experience running for Supreme Court.

“Judge Gableman’s extensive and impressive background sets him apart. His work as a prosecutor, private practice attorney, judge and a teacher gives him a unique and diverse set of experiences that form a great foundation for serving on our state’s highest court,” said Congressman Tom Petri. “The Wisconsin Supreme Court will surely benefit by adding a judge of such character and integrity.”

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These three congressmen join an impressive list of Judge Gableman's supporters throughout Wisconsin. Judge Gableman currently has the endorsement of a bipartisan majority of Wisconsin's sheriffs and a majority of district attorneys, police chiefs and assistant district attorneys who have endorsed in the race for the Supreme Court.

"I am humbled by the support of these distinguished members of Congress," said Judge Gableman. "They work hard to serve the citizens of Wisconsin and set a great example for all of us who wish to do the same. I am honored to have their endorsements."

Judge Gableman was appointed Burnett County Circuit Court in 2002 and was overwhelmingly elected to the bench in 2003 with 78% of the vote. A law-and-order judge, he has been recognized for developing innovative programs which emphasize personal responsibility and maximize accountability.

Prior to his experience on the bench, Judge Gableman was appointed District Attorney for Ashland County (1999) by Governor Tommy G. Thompson and subsequently won election to the position. As District Attorney, he was the lead prosecutor on cases as diverse as arson, sexual assault, domestic violence, and white collar crimes. He also served as a front-line prosecutor in Marathon County (1997-1999) and Langlade County (1996-1997) as an Assistant District Attorney.

The Supreme Court election will be April 1, 2008.

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