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Speaker Designee Jon Patterson to Form Committee to Evaluate Efficiency in State Government

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Missouri House Speaker Designee Jon Patterson today announced his intent to form the new Standing Committee on Government Efficiency dedicated to rooting out waste and fiscal excess in the new legislative session.

“President-Elect Donald Trump is doing something often talked about, but rarely acted on: creating a federal entity dedicated to reducing federal spending and slashing regulations,” said Patterson referencing the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). “Our goal is to continue to identify areas where we can shrink government and better serve the taxpayers of Missouri.”

“Missourians deserve a limited government,” Patterson, R-Lee’s Summit, said. “If President-Elect Trump, Elon Musk, and Vivek Ramaswamy can disrupt the feeding frenzy of our taxpayer dollars by a bloated federal government, we should meet the moment and capitalize further on the work we’ve been doing under Republican leadership for years. This year we unanimously passed HB 2111 to give Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick more authority to fight waste, fraud, and abuse at the state and local level. I’m excited to work alongside Auditor Fitzpatrick and my colleagues in the House to protect taxpayer dollars and promote government efficiency.”

COGE will evaluate state agencies and departments to address inefficiencies, improve regulatory practices, and promote responsive governance. By conducting a thorough review of operations and policies, the committee aims to modernize procedures and enhance trust between the government and the people it serves.

Representative Jon Patterson, a Republican, represents District 30, which includes parts of Lee’s Summit. He was elected to his first two-year term in November of 2018. Rep. Patterson currently serves as Majority Floor Leader. For more information, please contact Rep. Patterson’s office at 573-751-0907 or via email at Jonathan.Patterson@House.Mo.Gov.

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