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Jeff Longbine files for Kansas Senate

Jeff Longbine has filed to run for the Kansas Senate 17th District seat. Longbine, a small business owner and lifelong resident of Emporia, has represented the district for six years. The district includes Lyon County and portions of Geary, Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties.

“Our state is in the midst of some of its most challenging times,” said Longbine. “But, I was raised to believe the best way to face a challenge is head on. I’m running for the Senate because now is not the time for our families to back down. We must stand strong to protect our schools, our values and our local economy.”

Longbine’s record in his first term includes:

- Establishing job protections for deployed Kansas troops
- Creating a tax-exempt savings plan option for Kansans caring for a disabled family member
- Passing \$180 million in property tax relief
- Opposing the Legislature’s block grant system and school cuts
- Implementing welfare reform measures
- Fighting off attempts to increase taxes on farm land and machinery
- Spearheading more affordable health insurance options for small businesses
- Voting against the Governor’s sales tax increase
- Adding coverage for autism services to Kansas health insurance plans
- Increasing access to workforce training and technical colleges for high school students

“A balanced budget and fair taxes are my top priority,” said Longbine. “We cannot allow Topeka to simply kick the can down the road. We need a sustainable, common sense solution that adequately funds our schools, our prisons and other essential services without shifting the burden onto our local property taxes.”

Longbine is a fourth-generation Kansan and lifelong Republican. He owns and operates the family business, Longbine Autoplaza. Longbine and his wife Gwen have three children: a son who passed away in 2005, a daughter who recently graduated from KU, and a daughter who is a junior at Emporia High School.

Longbine has been recognized locally for his work to protect schools and small business. In 2014, he was named “Pro-Education Legislator of the Year” by our district’s teachers and the Konza Uniserv.