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Alliance for a Better MN Releases New Radio Ad in House District 31B *New ad highlights Ken Tschumper's strong record on health care*

(Saint Paul, MN) - Alliance for a Better Minnesota will today begin running a new radio ad highlighting State Representative Ken Tschumper's strong record of fighting for southeastern Minnesota. The new radio ad focuses on Tschumper's strong record of working with residents after disastrous flooding in the region, increasing access to affordable health care and supporting Minnesota farmers.

"From fighting for greater flood insurance transparency to leading the fight for access to affordable health care for all Minnesotans, Ken Tschumper has been a tremendous leader for southeastern Minnesota," said Denise Cardinal, executive director of Alliance for a Better Minnesota. "Ken is a strong champion for the district and has a proven record of getting things done in the state legislature."

The radio ad will be on the air until Election Day.

To hear the ad, go to: <http://allianceminnesota.org/page/-/Tschumper%20Radio.mp3>

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Alliance for a Better Minnesota Ad Check:

“Tschumper”

Radio: 60

Script	Background
<p><i>Male Announcer: Ken Tschumper</i></p> <p><i>Female Announcer: A leader in the State Legislature. On the issues that matter most to us.</i></p> <p><i>Male Announcer: Ken Tschumper, Our Representative</i></p> <p><i>Female Announcer: A lifelong farmer who worked side by side with us in the days after the big flood.</i></p>	<p><u>Tschumper Fought to Help Minnesotans Affected by Flooding:</u></p> <p>Tschumper Authored Bill to Help Homeowners and Provide Greater Transparency with Flood Insurance. Ken Tschumper authored a bill that requires insurance companies to regularly notify homeowners about whether or not they have flood insurance. Tschumper' law requires insurance agents to provide written notice to homeowners at least once every year that their homeowner's policy does not cover damage caused by flooding. The notice must disclose how homeowners can contact NFIP to find out more about purchasing flood insurance. Tschumper's bill was signed into law in May of 2008. [Tschumper Press Release, 5/12/08; HF 3582]</p> <p><u>2007: Tschumper Authored Key Flood Relief Funding.</u> In 2007, Rep. Ken Tschumper and his colleagues in the Legislature voted unanimously to secure \$157 million in flood relief funding for southeastern Minnesota – the largest relief package in Minnesota history. Rep. Tschumper, whose district suffered 60% of the flood damage in southeastern Minnesota, chief-authored the bill. He had encouraged Governor Pawlenty to call a special session since the flood devastated his district last month. Included in the relief package was direct assistance for individuals, businesses, infrastructure repair and reconstruction, debris removal, and more. [Tschumper Press Release, 9/11/07]</p>
<p><i>Male Announcer: Ken Tschumper</i></p> <p><i>Female Announcer: A farmer who knows agriculture. Who knows the importance of farm families in Fillmore and Houston counties.</i></p>	<p><u>Tschumper Fought to Help Minnesotans Affected by Flooding:</u></p> <p>Tschumper is a 4th Generation Farmer. Ken Tschumper is a 4th generation dairy farmer on La Crescent area Century Farm. [www.kentschumper.org]</p> <p>Tschumper Voted for Increased Agriculture Funding for Minnesota Farmers. Ken Tschumper voted for the Agriculture and Veteran's Affairs Omnibus Bill, which helps Minnesota farmers remain competitive in the global economy. The bill increased support for the use and development of renewable energy, with a focus on biofuels. In addition to the renewable energy initiatives, HF2227 also increased the state's overall funding for agriculture, including dairy development and profitability grant programs, ag-related clean water research, invasive species monitoring and control, organic certification cost share, and county and district ag societies. [Tschumper Press Release, 4/17/07; HF 2227]</p>

Male Announcer: *Ken Tschumper, Our Representative*

Female Announcer: *At the Capitol he led the fight for health care for 35,000 children across the state. And now he's leading the effort to make sure everyone in Minnesota has access to quality affordable healthcare.*

Male Announcer: *Ken Tschumper*

Female Announcer: *A proven leader for our community.*

Male Announcer: *In these tough times we need someone we can count on. On November 4th vote Ken Tschumper for State Representative*

Female Announcer: *That's Tschumper with a T.*

Male Announcer: *Paid for by Alliance for a Better Minnesota Action Fund. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.*

Tschumper a Leader on Health Care, Education, Clean Water:

Tschumper has Proven Record of Supporting Health Care for All Minnesotans. Tschumper supported passage of several measures including expansion of Minnesota Care, The Freedom to Breathe Act, and a new statewide prevention program that will improve the health of many Minnesotans. Tschumper believes that every Minnesotan should have access to the same kind of health care coverage that State employees have. [www.kentschumper.org]

2007: Tschumper Voted for Key Health Care Legislation. In 2007, Tschumper voted in favor of legislation to expand health coverage for Minnesota children. Tschumper voted for the Health Care Omnibus bill in May of 2007. [Minnesota Public Radio Votetracker]

Tschumper Fought for Cleaner Water, Opposed the Heartland Tire-Burning Plant. According to his website, Tschumper "authored legislation that will update drinking water standards for ten commonly detected ground water contaminants, like the pesticide atrazine, that are detrimental to human health." Tschumper added, "I have been a leader in raising concerns about the impact of ethanol on food prices and the environment. I support adoption of the California clean car emission standards. I also support more "green" and efficient home construction designs." Tschumper also led the fight against the Heartland Tire-burning plant. [www.kentschumper.org]

2007: Tschumper Voted for Key Education Funding Legislation. In 2007, Tschumper voted for key education funding that included \$33 million to expand full-day kindergarten. The bill restored funding for three preschool programs that were cut during the 2003 budget crunch - Early Childhood Family Education, Head Start and School Readiness. The education bill also included \$1 million for an early childhood literacy program, such as the Words Work program run by the Saint Paul Foundation. [Minnesota Public Radio Votetracker]