

# Alliance for a Better Minnesota Ad Check:

*“Seriously?”*

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<p><b>NARRATOR:</b></p> <p><i>Seriously? Minnesota tax dollars for offshore corporations? Who would vote for that?</i></p> <p><i>Erik Paulsen – that’s who.</i></p> <p><i>Career politician Erik Paulsen <u>actually</u> voted to give state contracts to multinational corporations who use tax loopholes to cash in big with off-shore corporations.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Paulsen Protected Offshore Loophole:</u></b></p> <p><b>2004: Blocked Votes on Bill Requiring Written Notice Before Outsourcing.</b> Paulsen voted against a motion to suspend the rules and vote on a bill to require written notice before moving an employee’s job out of the country. He also voted against a motion to recall the same bill from the Commerce, Jobs and Economic Development Committee. [Rukavina motion, SF 2429, 83rd Session, House Journal p. 7696, 5/14/04; I. Anderson motion, SF 2429, 83rd Session, House Journal p. 7706, 5/14/04]</p> <p><b>2003: Protected Tax-Evading, Offshoring Corporations.</b> Paulsen voted against an amendment that would have prevented the State from entering into contracts with corporations that offshore their headquarters in order to avoid paying Minnesota taxes. [Hilty amendment, SF 1524, 83rd Session, House Journal p. 3289, 5/01/03]</p> <p><b>2003: Voted Against Protecting State Workers from Outsourcing.</b> Paulsen voted against an amendment to the 2003 State Government Finance Omnibus Budget Bill that would have retained a requirement that state agencies check to see if a state worker is available before outsourcing a job. [Goodwin amendment, SF 1524, 83rd Session, House Journal p. 3299, 5/01/03]</p>
<p><i>And as Minnesota families and small businesses struggle to pay their bills - Erik Paulsen voted <u>against</u> a plan to <u>cut</u> property taxes for homeowners and farmers.</i></p> <p><i>No help for Minnesota’s working families? But sweetheart deals and Minnesota tax dollars for off-shore corporations? What else can we expect from a career politician?</i></p>	<p><b><u>Paulsen Voted Against Property Tax Cuts:</u></b></p> <p><b>2007: Paulsen voted against cutting property taxes for homeowners and farmers while increasing income taxes over the coming five years by between \$452 million to \$583 million on the state’s wealthiest citizens.</b> One percent of taxpayers, about 50,000 wealthy Minnesotans, would pay the higher taxes. The bill, passed on a 74-59 vote, raised the top income tax rate from 7.85 percent to 9 percent for couples and other joint filers earning more than \$400,000 a year and single taxpayers with incomes above \$226,000. Most of that money was set to go to a new program linking property tax relief to a homeowner’s ability to pay. It would have provided state refunds to homeowners whose property tax bills exceed 2 percent of their incomes. Homeowners earning up to \$150,000 a year would be eligible for the refunds ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. The bill was the last of the House’s big 2007 budget bills and the most controversial, since Gov. Tim Pawlenty vowed to veto it because it included an income tax hike. "This bill is dead on arrival," said Minority Leader Marty Seifert (R-Marshall) holding up a mock death certificate just before every Republican voted against the bill, along with 11 Democrats. "We're arguing about a tax increase that's never going to happen." [Minnesota House Journal, pages 4841-4843, HF 2362, 4/27/2007; Star Tribune, 4/28/2007; St. Paul Pioneer Press, 4/27/2007; AFL-CIO Minnesota 2007 Scorecard]</p>

	<p><b>Voted Against Permanent Middle-Class Property-Tax Relief in 2007; Protected Extremely Wealthy from Paying Fair Share.</b> In April 2007, Paulsen voted against the 2007 Omnibus Tax Bill, which House Tax Committee Chair Ann Lenczewski said would ease the property-tax burden on 90 percent of Minnesota homeowners. The bill funded the property-tax relief with a new nine-percent income-tax bracket for joint filers earning more than \$400,000 dollars a year and for single filers making more than \$226,000 a year. The bill passed 74-59, but did not make it out of conference committee. The bill above (HF 2268) became the vehicle for the omnibus tax bill instead. [HF 2362, 85th Session, House Journal p. 4841, 4/27/07; Minnesota Public Radio, MPR Vote Tracker; 4/27/07]</p>
<p><i>No wonder big corporate interests gave Erik Paulsen almost <u>200-thousand dollars</u>.</i></p> <p><i>Call Erik Paulsen and tell him that Minnesotans are hurting – and he should <u>stop</u> giving our tax dollars to off-shore corporations.</i></p> <p><i>Paid for by Alliance for a Better Minnesota 527. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s committee.</i></p>	<p><b>Paulsen Took \$231,425 from Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Interests.</b>  <a href="#">[Center for Responsive Politics]</a></p>