

# La Follette campaign: Announcement

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Today I announce that I am a candidate for re-election as Wisconsin's Secretary of State in this year's elections. I have had the honor to serve the good people of our great state for many years. Together we have accomplished a great deal but there is more work to be done, so I am asking the people of Wisconsin to allow me to continue working for them.

The centerpiece of my campaign is the important issue of restoring the critical business-related responsibilities to the Secretary of State's office. This would present an important opportunity to enhance Wisconsin's business climate. I have long maintained that we need to make Wisconsin more business friendly.

An important step in that direction is to have Wisconsin's business functions handled as they are in other states. To do this, we should consolidate all such "business functions" in the Office of the Secretary of State. These functions include notary commission functions, trademarks/trade names functions, and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) and corporation matters.

In almost every other state in the Nation these core duties are housed in the office of the Secretary of State. For example, Secretaries of State are responsible for:

- Handling corporation and business information - 43 states
- Registering Trademarks - 46 states
- Administrating UCC - 42 states
- Handling notary public commissions - 47 states.

I care about our state and want Wisconsin to provide good opportunities for new business and the important jobs that come with them. Restoring these duties will assure that Wisconsin is truly open for business and eliminate confusion and problems for those attempting to obtain business services in our state. This is not about Doug La Follette and it is not about Republicans or Democrats. It is about what is good for Wisconsin far into the future. I look forward to the campaign and listening to people's thoughts and opinions.