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### **Statement from Ann Roe, Candidate for 44<sup>th</sup> WI State Assembly**



### **Janesville, WI**

Ann Roe, Democrat, announced she is running for the 44<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin State Assembly District seat currently held by Representative Sue Conley. Rep. Conley announced her retirement on Friday, February 23. The new 44<sup>th</sup> district under Governor Evers' maps includes a large portion of the city of Janesville and the surrounding area.

Rep. Conley said, "I am happy to support Ann Roe as candidate for the 44th Assembly District. She has demonstrated her commitment to our community for many years. She is an active listener and experienced communicator, and her work as a nonprofit leader, educator, small business owner, and community advocate provide a well-rounded background to serve her community in the Assembly in Madison."

Former WI State Representative, Deb Kolste, and former WI State Senator, Tim Cullen, also endorsed Roe. Cullen said, "I am endorsing Ann Roe for Wisconsin's 44th District Assembly representative. Ann has proven her commitment to our community throughout her 30 years of living and working in Janesville as a small business owner and teacher. I know she will work hard for every single person and our state when she gets to Madison."

Roe and her husband, Jonathan, a pediatrician, moved to Janesville over 25 years ago. Their two children attended school in the Janesville School District at Roosevelt, Edison, and Craig.

Roe has taught part-time at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for more than 20 years. Before that, she was the executive director of the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra. She consulted at the School District of Janesville, helping it win a competitive state recognition. Currently, in addition to owning a small business, Custom College Solutions, she serves on the boards of Downtown Janesville Inc., Janesville Woman's Club, and the Foundation for the Preservation of 108 S. Jackson. In addition, she is a member of the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater Rock County Dean's Advisory Board, and Janesville Morning Rotary Club.

“As a small business owner, educator, and community volunteer, I have worked with a variety of businesses, families, and students. I know how they struggle, and I celebrate with them when they succeed. It is getting harder and harder to succeed without fair wages, competitive education, and manageable healthcare,” Roe said.

Roe hopes to continue in the footsteps of Conley and Deb Kolste, who served before Conley, to advance legislation in Madison supporting our community and helping community members solve real problems related to education, healthcare, and childcare.

“I am running to fight for the people of the 44<sup>th</sup> District on these issues, and more, in Madison,” Roe said.

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