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**For Immediate Release-  
Statement by Former Assembly Speaker John Gard and Secretary of Revenue and  
State Representative Cate Zeuske**

We were given one of God's great blessings when He brought David Prosser into our life. We have deep faith that our Lord often answers prayers and provides blessings through putting key people in our life when it matters most.

For us, David Prosser was that person. He changed our lives, and his profound impact is felt in our family every single day.

While David was a remarkable public servant, he was at his core a person that always cared for the most basic human needs of countless people. We watched him care for those with nowhere else to turn and no person's challenges were ever beneath his desire to solve. He could handle the biggest challenges facing our state and immediately pivot to quietly helping someone in need while no one was watching.

It was life changing to work for David, serve with him in the legislature and work with him throughout his and our professional journeys. Politics and public service can provide moments of fierce battles and demand an adherence to an individual's foundational principles and core values. David understood his need to stand up and battle when the moment called for it and to find common ground at the right time as well.

David led our Assembly Republican team into the majority for the first time in 24 years during the 1994 election and was elected Speaker for his leadership. He delivered with tremendous and profound reforms that kept his word to the electorate.

Yet, he always led by example and privately everyone from both parties knew if they needed a friend at a time of need, David could be trusted to be that person.

David cared for our family in meaningful ways from our parents to our children and witnessing Supreme Court Justice David Prosser swear our daughter Libby into the State Bar brought our friendship and life's journey full circle.

David was a man of incredible humility and kindness. May God rapidly welcome David into His Heavenly kingdom.

With deepest sadness, respect and sympathy,  
John Gard and Cate Zeuske