



# Jeff Johnson

## Minnesota Governor 2026

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### CAUCUS LETTER

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Dear fellow Republicans! Thank you for coming out to be a part of the process of change! I am truly sorry that I cannot personally be in attendance with you right now. Today, you start the very important political process that leads up to the endorsement convention...precinct caucuses. Minnesota is at a crossroads and who you endorse for governor this spring is critically important.

As some of you already know, I am not the former Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson that ran against Tim Walz in 2018. I am the former St. Cloud City Councilman who served from 2010-2018. In November 2017, I stood alone on the council while facing various threats from those who opposed my refugee resettlement moratorium. I can personally attest that wearing body armor and going under police protection is not an enjoyable experience. LSS was led by then President/CEO, Jodi Harpstead in 2017. The proposed moratorium (not a ban) addressed the violation of federal statutes aimed at increasing transparency. Imagine how important that would've been in preventing Medicaid fraud! Although I wasn't initially successful in implementing the moratorium with my lone affirmative vote, I eventually got Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to comply with federal statutes (see 8 USC 1522) requiring "state and local officials to be consulted" before refugees are placed directly into a refugee resettlement city like St. Cloud. Ironically, Gov. Walz later appointed Jodi Harpstead to be Minnesota's DHS commissioner who stepped down early last year. I'm battle-tested having fought for transparency and against corruption. In early January, my short video interview on the negative effects of refugee resettlement hosted by the Federation of American Immigration Reform had 70,000 views on X in just two days! I would encourage you to watch this informative video on my website.

A little bit about me. I am a Minnesota-born conservative candidate for governor who previously lived on a dairy farm in southern Minnesota. I can be described as "the jack of all trades master of nothing" working in a variety of jobs ranging from being an airline/corporate pilot, airline mechanic, pilot/mechanic instructor, dairy farmer, milk truck semi driver, 6-12 grade teacher providing non-DEI real world academic and life skills, university professor, to having owned a small real estate business.

I am respectfully seeking your support for the Republican endorsement. As always, I plan to honor the GOP endorsement pledge this spring. Please visit my website at [www.VoteJeffJohnson.U.s](http://www.VoteJeffJohnson.U.s) to learn more about me. I am a political "special forces" fighter! Thank you and may God richly bless you and Minnesota!