

***Pat Toomey Endorses John Bear
in the 97th
Pennsylvania's Conservative Conscience Says Bear
"Best Choice to Bring Change,
Fiscal Responsibility to Harrisburg."***

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Today, an icon of Pennsylvania conservative thought and one of the most fiscally responsible Pennsylvania representatives to have served in Congress, Pat Toomey, announced his strong support for John Bear's election to the state House.

"We need to face the reality that we cannot continue down the course career politicians are charting for us in Harrisburg. That's why I am endorsing John Bear's campaign for state Representative," said Toomey.

Toomey pointed to the burgeoning rate of government spending as one of the reasons for his support of John Bear's candidacy. "The current incumbent in the 97th voted in favor of the FY 2004 Budget that increased spending at twice the rate of inflation. I am a business and I am a banker, and I can tell you that profligate spending will ruin a Commonwealth as quickly as it will ruin a company," observed the former Lehigh Valley area Congressman.

Toomey also praised Bear's stand on bringing necessary reforms to Pennsylvania's legal system. "If we're going to improve Pennsylvania's overall climate for business, for members of the medical profession, and for consumers, we need someone in Harrisburg willing to make that reform their priority. That's John Bear," said Toomey concerning Bear's position on the issue.

Toomey did not spare Roy Baldwin for his pay raise vote. "The people of the 97th District and of all Pennsylvania can only wish that he and his colleagues would be as willing to work deep into the hours of night finding wasteful spending to cut, or reducing taxes as they are to sneak in pay raises."

John Bear was very thankful to receive Toomey's support. "It's a tremendous honor. I want to bring the same tenacity in attacking wasteful spending to Harrisburg as Congressman Toomey was known for in Washington. Pat Toomey is first and foremost a fiscal conservative. His principle and integrity are evident in the fact that he kept a term limit pledge he made to the people of the 15th Congressional District. For someone of Pat's quality and character to endorse my candidacy provides me with great momentum," said Bear.

Pat Toomey is the President of the National Club for Growth. His endorsement of Bear is personal and is not an endorsement by the National Club for Growth.