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GOVERNOR PATERSON ENDORSES DEMOCRAT RICK DOLLINGER FOR STATE SENATE

*Calls Dollinger the leadership needed to get economy back on track, lower taxes,
and create jobs*

Rochester, NY – October 10, 2008 – Governor David Paterson joined the growing chorus of supporters as he officially announced his endorsement of Rick Dollinger for State Senate. The Governor's endorsement comes at a time when voters throughout the district are demanding change in leadership, lending further to Democratic momentum in the lead up to Election Day.

"New York is at a turning point," said Paterson. "Today I have the distinct honor of endorsing a dear friend, and a tried and true advocate of Monroe County for the State Senate. We as Democrats now have a tremendous opportunity before us. This is going to be a challenging election and there is a lot of work we need to do to turn back decades of failed economic policies. But Rick Dollinger has the vision we need and he will be my partner in moving New York forward.

"When I served with Rick in the Senate, he was a leader in our conference and forced the Republicans to take up important issues like raising the minimum wage and expanding health care services," Paterson continued. "He always put people first and never hesitated to take a stand on important issues like increasing access to affordable healthcare, protecting a woman's right to choose, and giving New Yorkers a more open, accountable government."

In conclusion Paterson said, "To get this economy back on track, lower taxes, and create new, good paying jobs, we need real leadership. I have no doubt that Rick Dollinger will deliver for Monroe County and in the Senate will be leading the charge that will put our state on the right path forward."