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## KRISS MARION OF BLANCHARDVILLE IS RUNNING AGAINST HOWARD MARKLEIN FOR STATE SENATE



**Wed., Feb. 14 – KRISS MARION WILL FORMALLY ANNOUNCE SHE IS RUNNING AGAINST HOWARD MARKLEIN FOR STATE SENATE** A farmer, small business owner and Lafayette county board supervisor, Kriss Marion is challenging Howard Marklein because she believes it is time to invest in rural infrastructure, protect our natural resources and return decision-making powers to local governments.

Says one long-time Grassroots member, “Kriss Marion is great.”

According to Kriss, “Western Wisconsin was first in 2017 for the most farm bankruptcies in the nation. There are a lot of people that have given up hope in rural communities. But I haven’t. We can survive and even thrive, with a decisive shift away from policies that favor special interests over local voices.”

Marion also calls for a return to political civility. “When you are elected to local government, you can’t afford to play party politics. Out here in our small towns, we have to work together if we’re going to get anything done. That’s what I’ve done on the Lafayette County Board and that is what I intend to do in Madison. Voters are tired of the fighting, in both the national and state arenas. We are ready to move forward together and thrive.”

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