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Dear Minnesotan,

I'm taking the unusual step today of writing this brief letter to my friends in **Minnesota's Third Congressional District**.

The reason for this letter is that the race for Congress in your district has become one of the "spotlight" races in the entire nation. That's not surprising considering the dramatic differences between the two candidates.

On one side is Ashwin Madia, a newcomer to politics who has gathered a large and enthusiastic following on progressive Internet sites around the country. **Why are liberal activists so fervent in their support of Madia? Because he boldly defends some very extreme positions that many liberal politicians are afraid to own up to.**

For example, when it comes to the God-ordained institution of marriage, Madia makes no bones about his opposition. **"I strongly support same-sex marriage,"** he told gay rights activists in a questionnaire that's posted on the Internet. **Madia also calls the longstanding military policy against open homosexuality in the armed forces "bigoted and shameful."**

And if anyone thinks that Madia would just be a quiet liberal vote in Washington, they need to think again. In the same questionnaire, he asserted, "I feel I am the candidate who is most likely to show leadership in Congress on the priorities that matter to the LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender] community in Minnesota. … I pledge to meet regularly with grass roots LGBT organizations, once elected, and to do all that I can to encourage greater involvement by their members."

Madia's audacious liberalism shows on other issues, too. **Madia is strongly pro-abortion, supports expanding sex education, and opposes extending the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003** – cuts that are set to expire in 2011. Failing to extend those cuts would result in the largest tax increase in American history – and a tremendous burden on American families.

On the other side in this election is State Rep. Erik Paulsen, who is much more in tune with the moderately conservative 3rd Congressional District. For one thing, he's **pro-life** and has backed that up with a stellar record in the Minnesota House.

For another, **Erik Paulsen believes that the institution of marriage is worth protecting, and he helped lead the effort in the legislature to pass a constitutional amendment** to preserve marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Paulsen also supports extending the tax cuts that have helped so many families over the last several years.

Focus Action doesn't endorse candidates, nor would we presume to tell you how to vote. But my hope is that you will carefully consider this information and then do three things:

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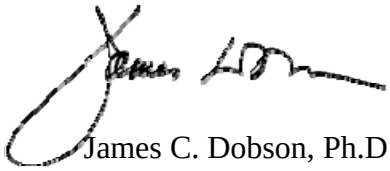
1) **Contact Ashwin Madia and urge him to renounce the extreme positions he has taken in opposing the sanctity of life and marriage**. I think you'll agree that politicians are much more attentive *before* elections than after. You can reach Madia at: P.O. Box 2459, Maple Grove, MN 55311.

2) **Contact Erik Paulsen and thank him for his common-sense, pro-family stands –** and urge him to stand strong in the face of attacks from the angry Left. Rep. Paulsen can be reached at: P.O. Box 44369, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

3) Take a moment right now—while it's on your mind—to share this information with others. Feel free to photocopy this letter, or look for a printable version and links at our web site (www.CitizenLink.com).

There is so much at stake during this election season. Please do all you can to uphold what is right and to make your voice heard.

Sincerely,



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