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Dear Friends:

There are few events I have always enjoyed more than the Wisconsin Republican Convention. It's a time when people of like mind gather to plan, propose and reflect, all for a critically important cause - the advancement of the Grand Old Party in our great state.

I'm so very honored to have an award named after me. It means more than you know to think that friends like you have such affection for a guy from Elroy like me.

The Tommy Thompson Award is designed to recognize the person in Wisconsin who has made the most difference in a Republican campaign. And this year, no one deserved that recognition more than Dennis Shaw.

When Sheila Harsdorf ran for State Senate, Dennis worked in the background, as he always does. He is not a person of flash - he is a person of substance. And, once more, his tireless efforts paid off in the election of Senator Harsdorf.

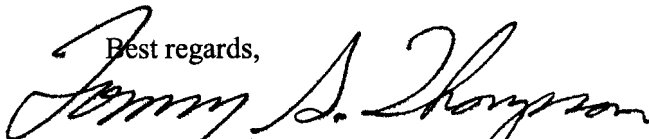
Dennis is innovative, thoughtful and committed. He is a dedicated Republican who believes our party is the most remarkable political organization in the world, a party that honors work, celebrates family, cherishes freedom and believes that every person is created with God-given dignity.

I can't think of anyone who embodies these principles more than Dennis. His work in the Third District and Dunn County have made a decisive difference in the success of our party throughout Wisconsin.

Dennis, you have my respect and appreciation for all you have done and all that you are. You are keeping our friend Ron Rind awake at night - and as much as I like Ron and value sleep, let me ask you, Dennis, to keep it up.

Thanks to each of you for your love of our party, our state and our country. You are patriots in the finest Wisconsin tradition, and I am proud to count you as my friends and to stand with you as we work for the good of our beloved country.

Best regards,

  
Tommy G. Thompson