



## **Claghorn Endorses Northey**

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Des Moines, Iowa – Today, Karey Claghorn, Republican candidate for Secretary of Agriculture suspended her campaign and endorsed Republican Bill Northey.

“I have decided to suspend my campaign and endorse Bill Northey. After months of campaigning with Bill, I realize that we share a common vision for Iowa agriculture,” said Claghorn.

“In addition, our backgrounds are very complementary. Bill’s experience in production agriculture and national leadership in the commodity organizations and my experience in the supermarket industry, agri-business and animal agriculture make for a great team.”

Northey added, “I’m honored to have the support and endorsement of Karey Claghorn. Karey brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and passion for Iowa agriculture. I look forward to working with her over the coming months.”

Claghorn’s endorsement continues Northey’s momentum and solidifies his standing as the front-runner for the Republican nomination for Secretary of Agriculture.

Claghorn concluded, “I’m asking my supporters and all Iowan Republicans to join me in voting for Bill Northey.”

Bill Northey and his wife, Cindy, reside in Spirit Lake. The Northey’s have three children: Jessica and Emily, who are attending Iowa State University, and Katie, who is in high school. Bill is a 1981 Ag Business graduate of Iowa State University. He earned a master’s in Business Administration in 2004 from Southwest Minnesota State University.

Northey served as president of the National Corn Growers Association in 1995-1996. He served on the Commission for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Production Agriculture and was president of the Iowa Corn Growers Association in 1990-1991. He is a member of the Bennett Roundtable of the Farm Foundation and has served on the Iowa State Committee for the Farm Service Agency of the USDA. He is a commissioner on the Dickinson County Soil & Water District and serves on the board of directors of AgVentures Alliance. Bill was president and co-founder of Innovative Growers, LLC.

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