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## **Just One Week Until the Primary — Governor Bill Lee Endorses Matt Van Epps to Back President Trump in Washington**

Nashville, TN – With only one week remaining until the Republican primary on October 7, 2025, Governor Bill Lee today threw his full support behind Matt Van Epps in the race for Tennessee’s 7th Congressional District, stressing that now more than ever, the people of Tennessee need a fighter in Washington who will stand with President Trump.

*“Matt Van Epps is the conservative, America First fighter we need representing Tennessee,” said **Governor Lee**. “As a West Point graduate, decorated Special Operations combat pilot, current National Guardsman, and former member of my cabinet, **Matt has the character and the courage to go to Washington and fight for Tennesseans**. In his time as Commissioner, he worked to cut red tape, increase accountability, and drive government efficiency.*

*He will stand fully with President Trump, bringing that same results-driven leadership to Congress to defend our conservative values, and fight back against the liberal policies that threaten our way of life. **My friend Matt Van Epps has my complete and total endorsement, and I look forward to calling him my Congressman. I’ll be casting my vote for Matt, and I encourage all conservatives to join me in doing the same on October 7th.**”*

**Van Epps expressed his gratitude and underscored the growing coalition behind his campaign.**

*“I am deeply honored by Governor Lee’s endorsement,” said **Van Epps**. “In Congress, I will be a defender of the President, a strong conservative voice, and a dedicated representative for the people of the 7th District. This is our time—for Tennessee, for America, and for the future we deserve.”*

### **Background:**

Matt Van Epps has quickly built a strong foundation of support from conservative leaders across Tennessee and the nation. **He has been endorsed by former Congressman Mark Green, Congressman Jim Jordan, and Congressman Mike Haridopolos, along with more than 30 local elected officials from across the 7th District.** This broad coalition includes county mayors, sheriffs, and community leaders who trust Matt to be a fighter for Tennessee values and a reliable ally to President Trump in Washington.

Learn more about Matt Van Epps and his campaign at [mattfortn.com](http://mattfortn.com).

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