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Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli hires new Communications Director

Salem, Ore. - Today, Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) announced the hiring of Jonathan Lockwood as communications director for the Senate Republican caucus.

"The Senate Republicans are working hard for our constituents and our focus is on creating jobs, strengthening education and lowering health care costs," said Ferrioli. "We are excited to bring aboard Jonathan Lockwood to head our communications efforts because he brings a solid background of communications and public policy experience that will help amplify and expand our message."

Lockwood joins the Senate Republicans after departing his role as executive director of Advancing Colorado, a free-market advocacy group that made international headlines with an explosive ad campaign criticizing the Iran deal. The group spearheaded the opposition coalition to, and defeated 80 to 20 percent, a single-payer health care proposal backed by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Lockwood debated state senators, public figures, and documentary filmmakers in his role at Advancing Colorado.

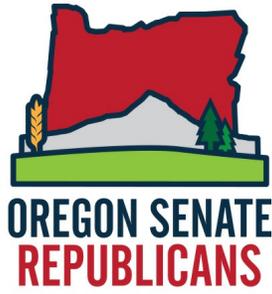
"I'm excited to put my experience in spokesperson and leadership roles in nonprofits to work for the Senate Republicans who have the right policy prescriptions to improve education and health care in Oregon," said Lockwood. "Leader Ferrioli is a champion for Oregonians and it is a huge privilege to be extended by him this great professional and public service opportunity."

Prior, Lockwood served as a director for Generation Opportunity, a millennial advocacy group, and led a state-wide grassroots GOTV campaign, and he participated in two fellowships at the Charles Koch Institute, including a crisis communication program and a management program. Lockwood served as the communications director for Coloradans for Real Education Reform, which defeated a tax hike 65 to 35 percent, the communications director for conservative advocacy group Compass Colorado, and as the press secretary for the Colorado House Republicans.

Lockwood got his start in music publicity, interned in the legislature and worked on

congressional campaigns after graduating from Metropolitan State University of Denver with a journalism degree.

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