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My name is Rita Albrecht and I am excited to be a candidate for Senate District 5.

As a lifelong resident of northern Minnesota, I appreciate the good life we share together.

The lakes, the woods, the clean air and most of all, the hardworking people who hold our communities together.

Even now in the face of a pandemic, Minnesotans are stepping up to care for one another.

In these uncertain times, we need experienced leadership. We need leaders who understand our strengths and challenges in northern Minnesota.

I can be that leader for Senate District 5.

In my career, I have been a small business owner, planner, and elected official.

I was elected to the Bemidji City Council in 2010 and mayor in 2012, now serving my fourth term.

I have more than a decade of experience working on behalf of rural communities.

My board service includes the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, League of Minnesota Cities, Governor's Workforce Development Board, and Minnesota Mayor's Association.

I'm currently serving my second term on the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission.

Wearing many different hats, I have learned to work with people on all sides of an issue, to bring creative ideas to the table, and to show up and care.

I've learned that partnerships are a powerful way to get things done. And that listening and patience are always worth the effort.

Those are the skills I'll draw upon as your Senator.

I look forward to the time we can all be together in person.

But even as we hunker down through one of the most uncertain times in our history, I invite you to join me in this campaign and win in November. I can't do it without you!

Thank you for your support. It would be an honor to be your senator and your voice in St. Paul.