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Clear Contrast in State Auditor Julie Blaha’s Final Debate

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A clear contrast will emerge in State Auditor Julie Blaha’s third and **final** debate that will air Sunday on “At Issue with Tom Hauser.”

Auditor Blaha opened the debate by saying, “I am so glad we get to talk about our freedom to make decisions in our own communities. The auditor’s role is to get you good financial data so you can make good local decisions.”

Blaha described why it’s essential that local government be successful by saying “local decisions get us plowed out in the winter, make sure the water runs, they make sure the ambulance shows up.”

Liars don’t win debates. MAGA Republican Ryan Wilson continues to lie about the functions and jurisdiction of the Office of the State Auditor (OSA), while refusing to be transparent about his positions on issues that matter to Minnesotans.

State Auditor Julie Blaha’s first term accomplishments include:

- Prevented over \$549 million in budget errors through audits.
- Found over \$4 million in local government fraud and assisted law enforcement in the prosecution of the wrongdoers.
- Brought over \$23 million in tax increment finance funds into compliance.
- Increased oversight by over \$20 billion by taking over the audit of statewide federal funds in 2022.

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- Laid the funding and legislative groundwork to rebuild the OSA's expertise in school auditing.
- Helped expand state investment holdings that fund public employee pensions by over \$30 billion.

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