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Site Announcement: Joining The North Dakota Policy Council



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I'm excited to announce today that I've accepted a position from the <u>North Dakota Policy Council</u>, a conservative think tank here in the state I'm sure most of you are familiar with from their work and the number of times I cite their studies and research here on the blog.

The NDPC got in touch with me late last year to ask if I'd be interested in contributing to their organization, specifically in the area of government transparency and accountability. I said I would be happy to, and today I can announce that things are official. I am the new Government Transparency and Accountability Policy Fellow, which is a fancy-pants title for a wonk who will talk and write about how the government needs to be more open to the people.

Of course I'll continue to run SAB as I always have, this is just a part-time gig, but I'll be contributing content to the NDPC as well. I'll be helping them develop policy to propose to the state's political leaders, and I'll be appearing at more of their events (something I was happy to do in the past).

Speaking of events, I'll be on the panel at the NDPC's next policy lunch in Bismarck:

Where: Radisson Hotel – Bismarck, ND When: February 28, 2012 – 12pm

The topic is, you guessed it, government transparency and accountability. Joining me on the panel will be state Rep. Blair Thoreson, who sponsored legislation creating the state's existing spending database, Justin Dever from the Commerce Department and Roger Bailey from the North Dakota Newspaper Association.

It would be great to see some of you readers there.

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