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## **Gutknecht gives back more than \$100,000** *Says Members of Congress have to 'lead by example'*

*Rochester, Minn.* – First District Congressman Gil Gutknecht today announced that he has returned more than \$100,000 of his 2002 office budget to the general fund.

“We try to run a tight ship,” Gutknecht said. “I am always cognizant of the fact that we are spending taxpayers’ dollars. This office doesn’t belong to my staff or me. It belongs to the people of southern Minnesota.”

Gutknecht has returned more than \$800,000 since he was first elected to Congress in 1994.

“We have to lead by example. If we expect other federal agencies to be more fiscally responsible, we have to do so ourselves,” Gutknecht concluded.

*Gutknecht is the Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, Vice Chairman of the House Science Committee, and a member of the House Budget Committee.*