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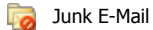
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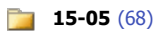
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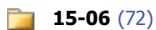
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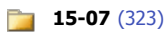
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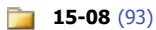
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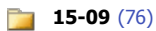
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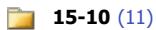
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A new chapter

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Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 9:31 AM

To: Steve Johnston [sjohnston@tueforumclt.org]



Dear Friend:

Nearly 20 years ago, I got involved in public service at a level that some would argue is the most important one: in my own neighborhood. Since then, I've had the honor of serving on the Raleigh City Council, in the North Carolina State Senate, and for the last 7 years, as your State Treasurer.

As my supporter, you've helped me every step of the way. I want you to know directly from me that after a lot of careful deliberation, I have decided not to seek another term as Treasurer or any other elective office in 2016. This has been one of the more difficult decisions in my life. I've prayed about it and discussed it with friends and family. I intend to serve out my term through 2016.

In January of 2009, when our economy seemed to be in a free fall, I took office and had to announce that the state retirement fund had lost \$17 billion and stood at \$60 billion. I put a strong team together and we fought our way back. Now at nearly \$90 billion, we have one of the most solid pension funds in the country.

Perhaps the most frequent question I get is "How's my money?" I'm happy to report it's just fine.

I've worked to balance our state's investment in its future with sound finances and am pleased we're one of only a few states in the nation with a AAA bond rating from all three agencies. I've given a lot of your money back—tens of millions of dollars each year—through our reformed unclaimed property division.

As Treasurer, I stepped up to oversee and reform the State Health Plan to make sure that teachers and state employees have access to a solid health benefit. I also established two innovation funds of almost a half billion dollars to invest in North Carolina-centered companies.

I feel confident that the Department of State Treasurer is much stronger today than it was in 2009.

Public service, both in or out of elective office, will continue to be a part of my life. I look forward to the next adventure. I want to thank you for all your support.

Janet

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