

Farewell Friend



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Hello friends,

I'm putting away campaign debris and closing up shop. Before I shut everything down, I wanted to share a few parting words - of gratitude and of holiday cheer.

Our state will have new leadership in 2025, with the very capable Josh Stein as Governor. The Senate Democrats also elected new leadership for the first time in a decade. Sen. Sydney Batch will bring her fiery energy to the chamber as the new Senate Minority Leader. Many newly-elected legislators will take their places in the NCGA, bringing oodles of optimism and promise with them.

For the first time in six years, I won't be part of state government. There are parts of the job I will miss and other parts I won't miss at all. **I will always be honored to have been one of the fifty people elected to serve as a North Carolina Senator.**

Before I left the Chamber for the final time, I reflected on my service, the frustrations about how partisanship trumps good policy, and what it feels like to be gerrymandered out of office. If you'd like to hear my parting remarks, you can watch at [this link](#).

Even though the Commissioner of Insurance election did not go the way we'd hoped, I am proud of the honest, powerful campaign we ran. While I traversed this beautiful, 560-mile wide state, I learned so much, met many wonderful people, saw memorable sites, and felt the support of more than 2.6 million voters. Thank you.

I'm not running again anytime soon (if ever), so I'm not asking for donations for myself. **But there are two important causes that need your help, if you are able.** *Please keep reading.*

First, Justice Allison Riggs is the thrice-confirmed winner of her election to keep her seat on the NC Supreme Court. Yet, her opponent will not concede and is taking [his illegitimate claims](#) as far as possible, even seeking to disqualify 60,000 voters and calling for a do-over election! I got to know Allison well during our year on the campaign trail -- she's fantastic. **I hope you will help her defend against the efforts to steal her seat on the state's highest court. Please donate to Justice Riggs at [this link](#).**

Second, the NC Senate Democrats are stuck in a super-minority for the next two years, but are already making plans to change that by picking up at least one seat in 2026. **Please help new Minority Leader Batch and the Senate Democrats break the GOP super-majority and provide Governor Stein with a reliable veto by making a donation to the Senate Democrats at [this link](#).**

[If you donate via the links in this email, I'll know that you still care about our state and are willing to fight for our future. You'll have my gratitude, as well as that of Justice Riggs and the Senate Democrats. Please help.](#)

I'm not sure what the future holds for our country, for our state, or for me. I'll be in touch when the time is right. For now, I will enjoy time with loved ones, celebrate the holidays, and look forward to the arrival of my first grandchild. I hope you and your loved ones are well, your holidays are joyful, and our paths cross again soon.

All the best,





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