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Every Vote Counts

JEFFERSON CITY – The measure of one vote can seem unimportant at times until you realize the power of participation. The founders of this great country went to great lengths to provide the citizens the opportunity to choose their leaders. Your decision to vote is in your hands. I want to encourage you to exercise your right and responsibility on Tuesday, November 7.

A professor of Legal and Ethical Studies at Arizona State University, Mariane Jennings, once said, “Truth is violated by falsehood but outraged by silence.” This quote captures the essence of the power of voting. The truth can be revealed when we vote, but very much suppressed if we choose to be silent and not vote.

In the midst of all of the campaign material bombarding us, it is easy to get frustrated and choose not to participate. Yet, I find comfort and encouragement in the resolve of the residents of the 28th Senate district to participate in the election process.

In the heat of Great Britain’s struggle to survive in WWII, Winston Churchill admonished his citizens not to give up their will to win. Churchill said, “When you feel you cannot continue in your position for another minute, and all that is in human power has been done, that is the moment when the enemy is most exhausted, and when one step forward will give you the fruits of your struggle you have born. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: Victory – victory at all cost, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival.” Don’t let the truth of your vote be outraged by silence.

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