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Dear Jeanne:

“We the people tell the government what to do, it doesn’t tell us.” – Ronald Reagan

To say that my life has been blessed would be an understatement. From humble beginnings, I learned the value of hard work, the significance of family and the importance of lasting friendships. While attending Sam Houston State University, I earned a B.A. in Finance, discovered “true friendship” and experienced the definition of brotherhood. Not long after graduating and while trying to find my way in the business community, I met the woman of my dreams and with passionate pursuit took her hand in marriage. After moving to Myrtle Beach in 1992, and overcoming our share of bumps and bruises along the way, Pamela and I, have through the Grace of God, managed to build a wonderful family, many successful businesses and several charitable organizations that are changing lives both here and around the world.

As our children have become young adults and proceed to live their own adult lives, Pamela and I have prayed and considered what life will now look like. We look towards scripture and Luke 12:48 continues to inspire us even now, during this season of life. For me personally, I have lived with the belief that we must stand up for what we know to be right even when the road may be difficult or not popular. I realized that I simply could no longer ignore my growing concern about the consistent failure of government from Myrtle Beach to Washington. Therefore, after much encouragement from family, friends, clients, business associates and political leaders, I have decided to accept the challenge of running to represent the citizens of State Senate District 33 – to become an agent of change that is long overdue.

After 24 years, the incumbent has become the very definition of a career politician. The word incumbent originates from the Latin verb, “incumbere” which is defined “to occupy obstructively or inconveniently; to block, to fill up with what hinders freedom of motion or action”. He has had six terms in office representing an entire generation and embodies the verb, “incumbere”. This means tens of thousands of new residents have never even had an opportunity to vote for someone different. Had Luke Rankin been the most effective public servant of all time, it would still be time for a change. It is time “we the people” step up and serve as Statesmen and kick the career politicians out. We need business minded men and women to bring common sense back to our government and begin to get things done. Are you tired of waiting for things to change? I know I am.

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