

CAPITOL REPORT
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YOUR VOTE

The measure of one vote can seem unimportant at times until you realize the power of participation. Our founders of this great country went to great lengths to provide the citizens the opportunity to choose their elected leaders. Your decision to vote is in your hands. I want to encourage you to exercise your right and responsibility on Tuesday, November 2nd.

I recently came across a great motivator for participation. In a quote shared by Mariane M. Jennings, professor of Legal and Ethical Studies at Arizona State University, she shares, "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 do, but very much suppressed if we choose to be silent and not vote. In the midst of all the campaign material being thrust upon us, it is easy to give up and not participate. I have found comfort and great courage in the residents of the 28th Senate district. Your resolve to participate in this election encourages me.

In the heat of Great Britains' struggle to survive in World War II, Winston Churchill admonished his citizens to not give up in their will to win. He shared "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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