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Reflections and Opportunity

Writing the very last report of 2004 brings to mind many good remembrances of a great year. I have so many things to be thankful for.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the 28th Senate District; representing you in the Missouri Senate is an honor and privilege. I continue to meet so many great people, that it serves as a testament to the high quality of citizens who live in Missouri. Your ability as constituents to put your best foot forward each day, to give more than you take, and to make time for the things that are truly the most important, like family, are hallmarks of great people. You are to be commended.

As we look forward to the opportunities of 2005, let us not lose sight of our founders' vision for our future. They understood that this great Republic, in which we live, the United States of America, requires an active informed citizenry. Your thoughts and ideas do matter, and I want you to always feel free to share them with me, your senator. The opportunity to send an elected representative from your district, to its state capital is not shared by all people of this world. We are blessed to have a form of government that allows our participation.

As the next legislative session begins January 5th, rest assured that we will do our best to communicate with you on pertinent legislative matters. Opportunities do exist this session to truly address issues that need real reform. Lawsuit reform, workers compensation reform, and just the reform of the existing delivery of some government services will be legislative priorities.

We trust you have had a good 2004 and will have an even better 2005.

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