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Summer is Marked by Dry Weather and Community Gatherings

JEFFERSON CITY – Greetings to everyone in the 16th Senate District. Summer has been busy as usual, and I'm sure the same goes for each of you. Rain has been spotty and, in some areas, close to non-existent. Rural Missouri is so reliant on weather, and it is one of those things we have no control over. Tourism, agriculture and even employment are regulated to a certain degree with what the Good Lord provides.

It has been exciting to attend the many gatherings that I have had the privilege to be invited to. I have participated in community forums, attended school graduations, met with agriculture groups, and been involved in Relay for Life, which was sponsored by our local cancer societies. And for the rest of the summer, I plan on enjoying many local fairs.

Our office has been hopping with many contacts from the residents of the 16th District, and we are doing our best to resolve as many issues as we can.

One issue that we are getting a lot of calls about is the new rules for obtaining or renewing driver's licenses. Effective July 1, Missourians will have to show proof of identification and proof of United States citizenship. If an individual's name has changed (through marriage, for instance) he or she will also have to show why the name change occurred (via a marriage license or divorce decree). To obtain a birth certificate, contact the Department of Health and Senior Services at (573) 751-6400 or online at www.dhss.mo.gov.

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If our office can help our constituents in any way, or if there are events that my constituents would like me to attend, please contact Shelly St. Clair in my Jefferson City office at (573) 751-2108 or via e-mail at Frank.Barnitz@senate.mo.gov. And remember, my door is always open. My Capitol office is Room 425.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the people of the 16th District. I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

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