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To the People of Senate District 10,

There are moments in life when we are called to make decisions that are far more difficult than we ever imagined. Today is one of those moments.

After much prayer, thoughtful reflection, and consultation with my family and physicians, I have made the difficult decision to resign from the South Carolina Senate due to health-related issues. While this is not how I envisioned my service coming to an end, I know it is the right decision so I can devote my full attention to healing and recovery.

Serving as your State Senator has been one of the greatest honors and accomplishments of my life. The faith, trust, and confidence you placed in me to represent District 10 will forever remain one of the greatest privileges I have ever known. Every vote I cast, every bill I championed, and every decision I made was guided by my desire to serve you with integrity, humility, and faith.

To the people of the original Senate District 10 (Greenwood, Abbeville, Saluda, and McCormick) and the current Senate District 10 (Greenwood, Saluda, and Lexington), THANK YOU!

Thank you for welcoming me into your churches, businesses, schools, farms, and homes. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, your friendship, and even your honest disagreements. You have made me a better servant, a better leader, and a better man.

None of this would have been possible without my incredible family, whose sacrifices often went unseen; my dedicated staff, who served with excellence every day; and my colleagues, who worked alongside me for the betterment of South Carolina. I will always be grateful for each of you.

Although I am stepping away from elected office, I am not stepping away from my love for this district or my commitment to the people. I will continue praying for our communities, encouraging those who serve, and believing that our best days are still ahead.

As I close this chapter, I leave with a heart full of gratitude and peace, knowing that serving the people of District 10 has been one of the greatest blessings God has ever entrusted to me.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. I will carry your kindness, your friendship, and your trust with me for the rest of my life.

May God bless each of you, may He continue to bless Senate District 10, and may He forever bless the great State of South Carolina.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Senator Billy Garrett