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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

My birth story is central to who I am and why I chose a life of service. I was adopted as a baby in downtown Richmond and raised by two incredible parents who taught me the values that still guide my life today: work hard, serve others, and always do the right thing.

My dad served in the Army during World War II, and my mom was a schoolteacher in Hanover and Richmond. Their example shaped the person I became. Growing up, I worked wherever I could lend a hand, from flipping eggs at Shoney's in Henrico to hauling nets on a fishing boat in Reedville and bagging groceries in Richmond. Through every job, my parents' lessons stayed with me.

Those values led me to the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech and eventually into public service, first as mayor of Montross, then in the Virginia General Assembly, and now representing you in Congress.

I am often asked why I continue to serve in Congress. The answer is simple. This community built me. The opportunities I've had came from the kindness, hard work, and grit of people across Virginia's First District. Serving you is the greatest honor of my life.

Right now, the issue I hear about most from families across our district is the rising cost of living. Groceries, housing, gas, and everyday expenses have gotten harder to manage. That is why my focus in Congress is simple: **lowering costs for Virginia families and strengthening our local economy.**

Here are several areas where I am working to deliver results for Virginia's First District:

Lowering the Cost of Living and Strengthening Our Economy

- Support policies that help lower everyday costs for families, including tax relief and responsible energy production.
- Help small businesses grow by improving access to capital, reducing unnecessary regulations, and simplifying permitting so they can hire more Virginians.
- Strengthen American manufacturing and invest in infrastructure and supply chains to keep our economy reliable and competitive.

Public Safety and Strong Communities

- Provide law enforcement with the tools they need to keep our communities safe.
- Support efforts to combat crime and illegal trafficking.
- Promote policies that strengthen families and local communities.

Supporting Our Armed Forces and National Security

- Ensure our service members have the resources, training, and equipment they need to protect our country.
- Support Virginia's military installations and defense workforce.
- Improve access to healthcare and benefits for our veterans.

Education, Opportunity, and Workforce Development

- Expand career and technical training opportunities.
- Strengthen education in rural and coastal communities.
- Support workforce development programs that help Virginians compete for good-paying jobs.

Serving the people of Virginia's First District remains the greatest honor of my life, and I will continue working every day to strengthen our communities and expand opportunity across our region.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely,



Rob Wittman
Member of Congress, Virginia's 1st District

