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Ladies and Gentlemen of Aging:

It is with great sorrow and enduring grief that I must tell you that, since my TERI has ended, I am no longer employed by the Lt. Governor's Office. I wish you all well in your endeavors and that you will have great success. Always remember that you are a servant first, and that the good you do is not just a number or a statistic—you are the agent for change and for positive action benefitting the most needy citizens of our state. They have worked—like you. They have sometimes succeeded—like you. They may have failed—like you, because we all fail now and again. Like you, they dream and hope and strive. In the end, you are the person who will make a significant difference in their life because you do the job you do.

I will tell you a brief story before I go. A man called and left a voicemail and I called him back. I tried to find help for him, and I told him to call the next day if the referral was not successful. The next day, he called back. The cycle continued through many calls, various sources, and eventually, he received the help he needed. About six months later, he called me back and he told me his story. He had called my number as a last resort. When I called him back, he was sitting in a chair by the phone with a pistol in his hand, prepared to end his own life. He had decided that no one could help him. Because of that fortuitous phone call, the man persevered. When he told me, I was stunned and all I could say was, "I'm so glad. I tried to make a difference."

He responded "Never say you try. You DO."

So I will simply say to you, do good where you can and never forget how important you are. You DO make a difference.

I will miss you all. I wish God's blessing on each of you.

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