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West Virginia Ready to Ride Momentum into 2018

Under leadership of Lt. Gov.-Senate Pres. Mitch Carmichael, West Virginia poised to thrive this year

Lt. Governor-Senate President Mitch Carmichael

We've been experiencing a significant turnaround in fortune in the Mountain State recently, and a good bit of that can be directly tied to our bold, conservative leadership efforts since taking the legislative majority in 2015. In those three short legislative sessions, I believe we moved West Virginia forward light years in terms of making it a place any business or industry would want to locate.

In the second quarter of 2017, the West Virginia economy (as measured by real gross domestic product) grew faster than any other state in America except Texas. In October, our state's voters overwhelmingly approved the Roads to Prosperity Amendment, which authorizes the state to sell up to \$1.6 billion in bonds to undertake a massive redevelopment of our roads, bridges, and highways – an initiative that will immediately put thousands of people to work in construction and related industries. During an Extraordinary Session of the Legislature in October, we provided our veterans with the benefit they deserve of exempting their full pension from income tax – a way to make it clear to veterans of all ages across the country that we'd love for you to consider making West Virginia home.

I am more confident today than I have ever been that West Virginia's best days are about to be ahead of her. When our regular session begins in January, we will be ready to work for the unified goal of doing what is best for the men,

women, and children who call this state home.

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