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First and foremost, **Senator Larry Martin:**

No one in the General Assembly has fought harder for ethics reform than you.

The people of Pickens County should be so proud that you – as one of the most powerful senators in the body – led the charge to restore the public's trust in government.

**You challenged the status quo for what was right and not what was best for those in office—you stood up against the establishment, special interests, and the good ol' boys.**

You made a commitment, and you got it done—getting these bills through committee, on the floor, and to my desk.

**I want everyone to know that – if you were not Chairman of Judiciary – there would be no way these ethics bills would have gotten a hearing, much less passed.**

You are a once-in-a-generation statesman who serves the people of Pickens with passion, humility, and guts.

Not many people outside of Columbia know that 2/3 of all the bills in the Senate go through the Judiciary Committee, and as Chairman, you are that gatekeeper—you are that leader.

**Thank you for your partnership on so many good government reforms that would still be in a desk drawer if wasn't for you: on-the-record voting, restructuring, domestic violence reform, and ethics reform.**

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