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Today I am announcing my resignation. It has been an honor to serve the people of North Dakota for the last 6 years as the State's 38<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor. I look back on our term in office with gratitude to Governor Burgum for the chance to serve, gratitude to the citizens of North Dakota for inspiring us every day to help improve lives and livelihoods, and with humility in the face of the ongoing challenges of servant leadership. Elected political officials jump onto the train of public service for their short window of time, and you realize the job is never done. The train never stops. You just have to strive to do the best job you can for the greatest good while you're on the train. And I have been blessed to be on the servant leadership train for even longer than this term as North Dakota's Lt. Governor. For the 10 1/2 years prior to this, I was also deep in the trenches of public policy solutions serving on City Council and as Mayor for my hometown of Watford City as the community and surrounding communities maneuvered through the early challenges of the Bakken oil play. Those nearly 17 years in elected political office represent 1/3 of my life, the majority of my and Sandi's marriage, and the entire lives of my youngest two children. After careful consultation and consideration, I have decided to step away from elected office at this time to return to the private sector and focus on my career and family.

Over the last 6 years our Burgum-Sanford Administration has had a part in some very impactful new policy like Clean Sustainable Energy Authority (CSEA), Information Technology Loan Fund, Vantis, Grand Farm, and Free Through Recovery. We continued and built on some great programs like the Bank of North Dakota and State Investment Board's in-state investment programs, Tribal oil and gas tax sharing agreements, Housing Incentive Fund (HIF), Higher Ed Challenge grants, Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site, and Career and Tech Ed (CTE) Career academies. And of course we were able to provide assistance on industry transforming projects like Rainbow Energy's purchase of Coal Creek Station and the ADM/Marathon soybeans to renewable diesel projects to further utilize our plentiful coal, oil, natural gas and Ag commodities here in North Dakota. All while promoting smaller government, lower tax burden and innovation over regulation for our Ag and Energy industries.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of our State for the last 6 years. God bless the great State of North Dakota.

Sincerely,



Brent Sanford

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