



Dear Carol,

We are off to a great start of the 2016 General Assembly Session here in Richmond! This e-mail will be the first volume of a series of weekly e-mails to my constituents in the 17th District, as the General Assembly meets in Richmond to debate and pass legislation over the next two months.

Before I begin my update from Richmond, I first want to provide some resources regarding Winter Storm Jonas, which is passing through our region. Governor McAuliffe has declared a state of emergency and I urge everyone to stay off the roads the best that you can, in order to allow for emergency officials and clean-up crews to do their work. [Click here to view the press release containing Governor McAuliffe's declaration of a state of emergency, including information to help keep you and your family safe.](#) Enjoy the wintry weather with your family, but most importantly, stay safe!

Last week, the General Assembly convened for its annual legislative session. I was honored to be sworn in to serve a second term in the Senate. I was glad to be joined by my wife Anne and son Jack to watch my swearing in on Wednesday afternoon. This year, the General Assembly will be in session for 60 days, as we debate and consider the Commonwealth's biannual budget, in addition to considering an additional 2,000 pieces of legislation introduced by Members of the House and Senate.

This year, I have been elected by my colleagues to chair the Senate's Standing Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, which I have served on for the past four years. This committee has jurisdiction over matters relating to social services, corrections, as well as alcohol sales and distribution. I was additionally chosen to serve on the Courts of Justice, General Laws, Privileges and Elections, and Rules Committees. Each of these committees discuss and consider different bills in their respective jurisdictions, before the various pieces of legislation are heard on the Senate floor.

I am happy to be carrying a total of 18 bills. These bills cover a multitude of different areas, including income tax relief, protecting Virginians' 2nd Amendment rights, tax credits for teachers, justice reform, and veterans issues, just to name a few. Many of the bills which I am carrying deal with issues that have been brought to me from my constituents in the 17th District.

While we had a very busy week filing legislation, working in committee, and participating in session on the Senate floor, I am glad I had the opportunity to meet with a number of different constituent groups from across the 17th District. Some of our visitors included local bankers visiting on behalf of the Virginia Bankers Association, members of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, local representatives from Virginia's Credit Unions, representatives from the Germanna Foundation, staff and volunteers from the Orange Free Clinic, students from the University of Mary Washington, members of American Legion posts throughout our district, and board

members from Mary Washington Healthcare, just to name a few.

Throughout Session, my staff and I look forward to meeting with many additional constituent groups from around the district. If you find yourself in Richmond, please stop by my office in Room 312 of the General Assembly Building. During session, I also encourage you to contact my office to let me know your opinions on the legislation and different issues we will be debating this year. You can do so by calling (804) 698-7517 or e-mailing District17@senate.virginia.gov. [You can also fill out our constituent contact form online by clicking here.](#)

I hope you and your family stay warm this weekend during our first major snowstorm of 2016!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryce Reeves". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Senator Bryce Reeves

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