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Of necessity, I must withdraw as a candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates in the 99th Legislative District.

Late last week, I was diagnosed with a viral infection which causes, among other things, persistent fatigue for up to six months and then intermittent bouts of fatigue for up to one year. While I am being monitored on a regular basis by my physician, there is no treatment other than to rest as much as possible and drink plenty of fluids. Assuredly, this condition is not in any way life threatening or permanent. It does, however, require a current modification in my normal routine to accommodate periodic naps and longer periods of sleep. I am successfully working around my law office schedule, so as not to affect the representation of my clients.

However, after full consultation with my advisors and a whole lot of prayer, it is with great reluctance that I have reached the inevitable conclusion that in my current physical condition, I can either successfully practice law or run a successful campaign, but not both. Obviously, my law practice must come first. I am dedicated to providing the best possible legal services to my clients who depend on me to resolve crucial conflicts in their lives. They expect it and they deserve it.

My heart is heavy over this decision. I am truly disappointed, as are the many wonderful people who have so generously supported me with their time, effort and campaign contributions over the last couple of years. I thank them all and hope that they will not feel that I have let them down. I take great comfort from the wisdom of King Solomon and Abraham Lincoln who both said in times of uncertainty and disappointment – "This, too, shall pass away." And when it does, I will be looking for other opportunities for public service.

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