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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Serving in the Oregon House of Representatives is a humbling experience. As a first-term legislator I am working hard to learn how structures and systems function: listening a lot, speaking a little. Despite some difficult events over the past few weeks, we are working together as a team to ensure robust conversation about the issues that matter most.

Each day I am amazed at the energy, enthusiasm, and passion of so many people working to make Oregon a better, stronger community. Whatever the respective partisan differences, all ninety members are united in our belief that Oregon is a special place that has a bright future. It is often forgotten that a majority of the votes pass the House of Representatives have little if no opposition. That is the result of a collaborative committee-based approach that encourages us to put our ideas on the table and work together for a positive outcome.

I invite you to come to your Capitol and join the process. It is exciting time: all committees are working full-speed to review bills assigned; we have voted on several so far, but we have over 3,000 more to evaluate. I ask you to pass on your ideas and perspectives on the bills we are considering. As your representative my first duty is to make certain your views and your voice are included in the decision-making process.

This session I have been assigned to the Business and Labor, Human Services and Housing, and the Veterans' and Emergency Preparedness Committees. Most of my time will be focused on these issues, but I hope to facilitate meaningful discussions about the matters as they arise. At the end of the day, this seventy-eight Legislative Session will pass a budget, make new laws, and work on providing our citizens with the tools necessary for navigating the challenges of a slow but steady recovery.

In coming newsletters I will provide you updates from the Capitol. Our schedule is about to move to a daily floor session which is a sign that things are accelerating. We have until the beginning of July to complete the people's business. In other words, we have a lot of work to do in a short amount of time. With your help and input we can – and will – make responsible decisions and sound public policy.

Please call me at 503.986.1420 with your ideas, email me at rep.paulevans@state.or.us, or stop by the office (House -281). We are always stronger together. Hope to see you soon!

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