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RESET

Greetings from the Statehouse. The 84th General Assembly began this week. With the House now controlled by Republicans, power in the Senate closely divided and a new Governor we essentially have hit the “reset” button in state government. It is good to be back here and in the majority. Thanks for all your kindness and support. For the next two years, I will be serving as Chairman of the Veteran’s Affairs Committee. In addition, I will be a member of the Appropriations and Education policy committees, as well as the Transportation and Infrastructure budget subcommittee.

You will find that House Republicans will move aggressively to restore a budgetary process more in line with Iowa common sense. The voters spoke loudly in November. They want smaller, more efficient government. All expenditures currently in the budget process will be reviewed. Those that cannot be justified will need to be eliminated. Reality is that the budget for the next fiscal year has at least a \$700 million dollar deficit. We see the negative effects of overspending by the federal government. We should not allow our state to go down the same path.

I told constituents before the session that it wouldn’t take long for House Republicans to be accused of throwing puppies in the river. Well, the first week isn’t even over and it’s already

happening. Count on exaggerations from the left to continue as the bureaucracies of state government, and politicians who love big government, try to justify their existence.

Let me choose one example this week: preschool. The mantra from the left is that Republicans want to destroy preschool and take away opportunities for children. FALSE. Reality is that over the past three years the other party created a preschool system that has ballooned out of control and is costing taxpayers far more than it should. Reality is that preschool quality standards will stay in place, but we are going to find a much more efficient way to deliver the service.

We will all survive the rancor at the statehouse and in the end there will be smaller, more efficient government. You sent me back here to make difficult decisions. The people spoke.

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