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State Senator Tony Hwang Retirement Statement from the Connecticut General Assembly

After many meaningful years of public service, I have decided that the time has come to step away from state elected office and begin the next chapter of my life. Serving the people of Connecticut's 28th State Senate District has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life.

Throughout my tenure in the Connecticut General Assembly, I approached this responsibility with humility and a deep respect for the institution, its traditions, and the people we serve. I have sought to represent our communities with integrity, character, and a commitment to thoughtful, principled leadership.

I am profoundly grateful for the countless friendships and meaningful interactions with constituents, colleagues, community leaders, and advocates who have enriched this journey. Public service is ultimately about people, and I have been continually inspired by the generosity, dedication, and civic spirit of those across Fairfield/Southport, Easton, Westport, Weston, Trumbull, Newtown/Sandy Hook, and Bethel.

In an era marked by emotional and political polarization - and a troubling erosion of civility in public discourse - I have remained committed to respectful engagement and collaborative problem-solving. Even in moments of passionate debate over policy and principle, I chose not to engage in personal attacks. Our democracy depends on the ability to disagree without demeaning one another, and I remain proud that my service reflected that belief.

As a proud Connecticut Republican, I believe deeply in fiscal accountability paired with social responsibility - responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources, paired with compassion and respect for the dignity of every person.

Looking ahead, I hope to help address the current climate of division by working with nonprofit partners and academic institutions to encourage renewed civic engagement and leadership. My goal is to help future generations understand that community must always come before political labels - and that effective governance requires collaboration, empathy, courage, and respect.

Personally, I look forward to spending more time with my loving wife and our adult children, who sacrificed so much to allow me the privilege of serving. I will also return to my real estate profession while seeking opportunities to teach and mentor young leaders about constructive participation in government, politics, and civic life.

To everyone who has been part of this remarkable journey - thank you. Your trust, friendship, and partnership will remain among the greatest blessings of my life.