

O'Donnell thanks constituents

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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Calvert and St. Mary's counties,

I am writing this letter to convey the great honor you have given me while serving as your representative in the Maryland House of Delegates. Always attempting to take your elective franchise with the utmost sincerity, I have tried to execute my obligations with the integrity and diligence such a responsibility deserved. Being your representative has been the experience of a lifetime for me.

Public service can take many forms. The time has come for me to transition to another venue for my continuing public service.

Based on both my experience in the military and private sectors as well as my leadership on a broad range of public policy matters in the Maryland General Assembly over 22 years, Governor Larry Hogan will be appointing me to serve for a full 5 year term on the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC), effective August 1, 2016.

On July 31, 2016, I will be resigning as a member of the Maryland General Assembly. The very next day my public service continues as a member of the PSC. I am honored to be selected by Governor Hogan to serve in this very important position. It is also worth noting that Southern Maryland officials have generally felt over several administrations that it was important to our growing region of the state to be represented on the PSC. The governor's inherent recognition of Southern Maryland with this appointment is appreciated.

There are too many people to thank by name for all their support over all these years as a candidate and elected official. If you walked door-to-door with me, trained me, called voters, put up campaign signs, wrote letters, suggested legislation, helped raise campaign funds, counseled or advised me, volunteered, donated time or money, maybe walked in a parade with me, or offered your assistance in any way, I say thank you. If you criticized me in a constructive way, corrected me when needed, or even opposed me outright over 6 general election cycles, I thank you as well for you made me sharper in ways that served the public well. Also, I want to thank my fellow elected officials and public servants at all levels of government. I know firsthand the high ideals that most of these public servants operate with and the sacrifices that they and their families have made in service to us all.

Most importantly, to the citizens of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, I want to express my profound respect and appreciation for allowing me to proudly represent you in the halls of Annapolis and throughout our wonderful state and nation. I always tried to do my best on your behalf. You are the most wonderful neighbors, friends and constituents a man could be blessed with.

Thank you for the opportunity and with the highest personal regards, I remain, In Your Continuing Service,

Anthony J. "Tony" O'Donnell

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