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Senate Majority Leader

President Lawson, and my colleagues in the Senate:

Thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your Majority Leader for another term.

As we prepare for the upcoming session, I want to take a moment to speak about the importance of unity.

Unity is greater than our individual ambitions, our political differences, and any disagreements that may divide us.

Every member brings different backgrounds, experiences, and ideas to our Chamber.

Whether its legislation brought forward on behalf of a constituent, or legislation inspired by personal experience, let us always remember that our primary responsibility is to serve the people of Rhode Island.

We all bring passion to our chamber, and while constructive criticism can develop stronger legislation, unnecessary division only gets in the way of the work we were elected to do.

Unity does not mean that we must always agree, nor should it.

Some of our best work comes from challenging one another's ideas, asking difficult questions, and finding common ground.

We are here to build a stronger future for Rhode Island by improving our schools, strengthening our economy, protecting our elders, addressing the challenges facing our healthcare system, and promoting safer, more just communities.

Our Senate should produce results, impactful legislation, and meaningful changes.

We accomplish more when we work together; when we recognize that a good idea is a good idea, regardless of where it comes from; and when we put our shared goals ahead of individual recognition.

My door will always be open. My staff and I will always be available as a resource, and my commitment to each of you is that I will always be honest and forthcoming.

As we enter this new session, let us commit to asking questions, listening to our colleagues, and working together to make a difference for the people who elected us.

At the end of the day, we may represent different districts, come from different backgrounds, and hold different opinions.

But we share one responsibility – to serve the people of Rhode Island.

And I hope that is something we never lose sight of.

Thank you.