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Dear Friends:

I am sorry my schedule does not allow me to be with you today. I know I am missing what is truly a wonderful event.

On any given night in America there are an estimated 131,000 veterans who are homeless, including an estimated 1,659 homeless veterans in North Carolina. Homelessness is an issue that many veterans continue to battle, both male and female. While the root causes of homelessness among veterans are varied, one thing remains certain: without shelter, securing other basic needs such as employment, clothing, medical treatment and food becomes more complicated.

The problem of chronic homelessness is one with which all Americans should be concerned. Too many of our fellow citizens are forced to live on the streets and in shelters. Often, these individuals are overlooked and left to fend for themselves.

It is imperative that everyone be fully aware of the needs of those who struggle daily without the most basic necessities of life. It is important that we do our part to help end the problem of veteran's homelessness.

You are to be commended for your effort and your willingness to take action on this important issue. Your willingness to help this population is extremely important in fighting this epidemic. I know these apartments will go a long way to help combat the homeless veteran problem in Winston-Salem.

Thank you again for your willingness to help those in need. If there is ever anything I can do for you please feel free to contact my office directly.

Sincerely,

Richard Burr United States Senator

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