

PRESS STATEMENT

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It has been a tremendous opportunity to explore the chance to run for Attorney General of Virginia. I have been encouraged by the significant support for my belief that Virginia needs an Attorney General who will fight for the people. Many have urged me to run and have contributed to this effort and for that I am very grateful. I have raised over \$160,000.00 from over 80 donors in two and a half months, and my supporters have made it clear to me that I would be able to raise the necessary resources for this race.

For me, the process of exploring a race for Attorney General has first considered what contribution I can make to the people of Virginia through this office; and then, how does that potential contribution compare to the important work I believe I accomplish through my law practice where every day it is my privilege to fight for those who often have no way to help themselves.

And while this has been an extremely difficult decision, I have concluded that for now my role should remain in the aggressive private practice of law, fighting against injustice and for people whose lives and livelihood depend on that representation.

Accordingly, I will not run for Attorney General. I make this decision only after the most difficult deliberation. And I make it with the most sincere appreciation for those who have pledged their incredible support and who continue to urge me to run.

I look forward to continuing my active involvement within the Democratic Party and to the future consideration of elective office.

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