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As I take the oath of office for the 186th Session of the Great and General Court, I want to thank the voters of Salem for their continued confidence and support. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as Salem's state representative. While I am deeply concerned about the present unprecedented financial strain on the Commonwealth and the impact of the inevitable cuts in local aid ahead, I remain confident that Salem will be positioned well to come out the other side of this recession.

I'm excited to continue working with Mayor Kimberley Driscoll and other community leaders on major capital investments in Salem. With the remarkable move of the First Baptist Church, work on our \$106 million new courthouse is well underway. Plans for the new Salem Wharf are in design stage, and Salem State College will build a new dormitory and new library/science center. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, we continue to advocate for a new parking garage and much needed improvements to our MBTA station.

These public investments along with continued private development – even in this economy - make me bullish for Salem's future. I'm as excited today about this job as I was my first day in office. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John D. Keenan".

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