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Subject: Pledge of Allegiance Law

December 3, 2018

Dear Alvin,

Thank you for visiting my office this morning. I thoroughly enjoyed the conversation about the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the general history of North Carolina.

As I stated in our conversation, it was an honor for children in my school to raise the flag of the United States, as well as the flag of North Carolina. While I support the spirit of what you are trying to do, I feel like the original law doesn't go far enough. Furthermore, I believe that all children should be required to stand while the Pledge is being recited. I further believe, as a proud sixth generation North Carolinian, that school children should learn the Pledge of Allegiance to the North Carolina flag, which reads as follows: "I salute the flag of North Carolina and pledge to the Old North State love, loyalty, and faith." That pledge is enshrined in North Carolina law, General Statute 144-8.

Here's another idea that did not come up during our discussion. While I think that prayer in school should be made mandatory, I think allowing a student or group of students to voluntarily pray without fear of reprisal would truly be a good first step. I would implore people to consider the problems that would be solved if we, once again, sought out God in the public square.

Once again, I appreciate our conversation this morning, and am grateful to you for coming by. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rep. Mike Clampitt".

Rep. Mike Clampitt

