# Jim Burgin

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Dear Colleagues,

I have spent much of the past few weeks in prayer and reflection, and I am writing to let you know that I am seeking our party's nomination for President Pro Tempore.

Last night's results were not what we hoped for, nor what many of us worked for. With Democrats winning a sizable majority in the House, and having the Governor, the road ahead will look quite different from the one we've traveled in the recent decade. Our options are to lament on that, or we can adapt to it. Our caucus must choose the second option, and I am asking for the opportunity to help lead it.

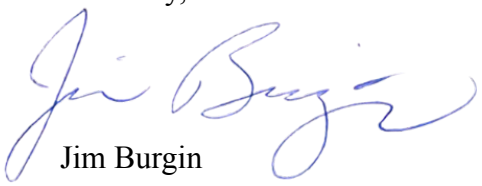
I have worked to build bipartisan consensus on many difficult issues during my time in Raleigh, and that ability will be helpful in the years ahead. In a divided government, little will get done without people who can sit across the table and find common ground without abandoning our conservative principles.

Relationships matter, and they are what I would bring to this role. I have built working relationships with my Democratic colleagues, with members of the House, and with the Governor. Those relationships will help us deliver results and protect the priorities that matter most to our caucus. Co-equal branches are a vital part of our system of government, and I will ensure that the Senate is not sidelined.

As I hope my previous letter made clear, we have to do things differently in Raleigh. That also means looking ahead. Rebuilding our majority starts now, and I am committed to leading with an eye toward a successful 2028 for our caucus and our state.

Thank you for your friendship, your service, and your trust. I would be honored to earn your support. As always, I am open to a conversation, and I am happy to talk with any of you. Please call me anytime, or I will reach out to you soon.

Sincerely,



Jim Burgin