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STATE SENATE

Keeping Our Families & Businesses Safe

I will work diligently to ensure that our neighborhoods and families are safe – safe when pumping gas, safe when doing business online and safe from sex trafficking.

There is a crime epidemic in Atlanta, and our district is in the heart of that epidemic. This is not a Republican or a Democrat problem. It impacts all of us. Former Democratic Mayoral candidate and former Democrat State Senator, Vincent Fort, earnestly stated just last year, “I’m very concerned that there’s an elephant in the room that City Hall doesn’t want to talk about. That is gangs. Our murder rate over the last four to five years is up 33 percent from about 84 murders to about 112 murders last year. The increase is based on gangs.”

This is not news to those of us living in Sandy Springs, in Atlanta, in Vinings and in Smyrna. Zone 2 in Atlanta has more crime than any other zone, is the largest zone and is understaffed. The challenges are urgent. We must stop the rash of car theft “slider crimes,” and robberies like the deadly one in Brookhaven earlier this year.

I have met with Major Barry Shaw of the Atlanta Police Department, with Sandy Springs Chief of Police, Kenneth DeSimone, and countless other law enforcement and public safety professionals. I have spent time at town halls on safety and met with local business owners and neighbors who have been victims of crime.

My commitment to hearing the needs of our local businesses and families, and my strong commitment to supporting law enforcement, has led to Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren endorsing my candidacy.

As your State Senator, I will ensure our dedicated law enforcement professionals have the training, equipment and technology they need to get the job done.

My pledge to law enforcement and to every citizen of Cobb and Fulton counties is that I will provide results and do everything within my power to keep your family – and mine – safe from crime.