



"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

My time as state representative will be coming to a close, **as I will not be seeking another term for re-election.** I want to thank my family, friends, donors, volunteers, and the citizens of District 24 for electing me to represent you since 2020.

We worked hard to win each election, putting on thousands of miles, raising thousands of dollars, and knocking on tens of thousands of doors. I worked even harder to get meaningful legislation passed to promote our North Dakotan way of life.

During my tenure, I spoke on the house floor 76 times, whether it was carrying bills from committee, or pushing for a bill to be passed or killed. I co-sponsored 64 bills, and I was the prime sponsor on 10 bills and resolutions.

My highest achievement while serving was to be a champion for parents. I recognize the importance of the family unit, because we won't have a strong nation without a strong family. **My resolution HCR 3049 unanimously passed both chambers, declaring parents as the primary stakeholder over their child's future. We codified this into state law with the passage of my bill HB 1362 to ensure parents retain primary control over their child's future.**

I pushed back against the weaponization of the federal government with the passage of HB 1334. We defined what a "domestic terrorist" is, tying it to the congressionally authorized terrorist watchlist. **This prevents parents from being labeled "domestic terrorists" in our state for raising questions or concerns at their school board meetings.**

During the 67th legislative session, **we fought for local accountability on how your tax dollars are spent with the passage of my bill HB 1200.** If the people vote down a building project, a city or county cannot go around the will of the people with a lease to purchase agreements over a 4 million dollar threshold.

North Dakota is now ahead of the curve when it comes to placing restrictions on artificial intelligence. **The passage of my bill HB 1361 defines what a person is NOT.** This includes Artificial Intelligence, environmental elements, non animate objects, and animals. Human beings have a soul made in the image of God and this should be reflected in the law.

My goal while being in a leadership position was always to secure the blessings of liberty for my grandchildren. **A true leader should not seek to retain power, but rather to raise up the next generation of leaders and phase themselves out of relevance.**

8 years ago, I was working on the ground helping numerous campaigns that shared my same ideologies that i believed in, which eventually inspired me to run. Since being elected, I've focused on cultivating new leaders to be able to go further and do more than I could dream to. I believe the future belongs to those who show up, regardless of anyone's age.

Our future generations face many challenges here in our state, and in the nation. A lot of us feel backed into a corner with trillions in national debt, our liberties being swept aside, and property rights being circumvented. As a 21 year old I wanted to do something about this, and make a difference where I could. In the last few years as our state legislator, I can walk away on my own terms knowing I did do something meaningful, and I never lost sight of who i was.

**I never compromised on my principles.
I stood firm on my conservative values.
I upheld the Republican Party Platform.**

I believe there is a duty to be involved, to be an engaged citizen, and to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. We don't need lifetime politicians, we need more principled average citizens ready to step up, and do their best to preserve the blessings of liberty. This is how we will bring our nation back to prosperity, and save the American dream.

It has been the greatest honor to serve and pursue this calling in my life. I'm excited for the beautiful opportunities that are ahead. My story doesn't end here, because everytime a chapter ends, a new one begins. If you ever need to find me, I'll be doing my best to show up, to make a difference, and to be the change to preserve liberty for the next generation.

To God be the glory for all that we accomplished.

Yours truly and mutually pledged,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rep. Cole Christensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping underline.

Representative Cole Christensen

