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To my dear classmates of the great class of 1989,

When asked why I would like to represent our class as an elected official, I'm happy to say that I'm looking for a chance to give back! I am truly excited to give more of my time, my talents, and my energy to our class in order to help us move forward into what I am sure are our best years.

I retired nine years ago, and stay at home with my two young daughters. To that end, I have a significant amount of free time that I would love to use toward helping achieve the goals we set as a class. No project is too big or too small! If needed, my background as a Public Affairs Officer could be easily leveraged to open avenues for us with the community and the media. Also, as I live in Virginia Beach, I would be glad to liaise directly with Annapolis and USNA leadership through personal outreach and contact.

We have SO much talent in our ranks, and there is no doubt in my mind that the team we will bring together will accomplish tremendous things. I would be honored to be a part of this team. More importantly, I would be honored to be part of ANY team that had the betterment of our Navy and our Naval Academy as its primary mission. And of course, a huge thank you to those who have gone before and done such a fantastic job. We have big shoes to fill.

Thanks so much for your time, and see you at the 30<sup>th</sup>!

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