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Subject: Good morning!
To: "Rep. Nathan Ramsey" <Nathan.Ramsey@ncleg.net>

Good morning, Nathan. I hope you're well. Thank you for touring with Childrens First/Communities in Schools. They're on the front lines of education and poverty, so their wisdom means a lot to me. I'm sure your experience with them was eye-opening.

I'm writing to ask your sense of the CRA's progress in the Senate. It's been weeks with nary a word. If passage of this bill is explicitly tied to other policy decisions, that would be helpful to know for sure. If it's just a hold up because of Senate logjams, that'd be helpful information, too. We're trying to build a budget, and it's awfully hard when we don't know what our revenues and expenditures are going to be.

It's my understanding that Rep. Moffitt intends to carve the city up into districts, though this may be dependent on whether the city moves ahead with its lawsuit. His motives are unclear, and it's certainly not a move I've had a single constituent ask for. Based on past behavior, I can only assume the move is punitive or intimidatory in nature rather than based in sound policy. Either that or it's just power for power's sake. Dangerous stuff.

I'm interested in your thoughts. We're overdue for another breakfast, I reckon.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Gordon