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Dear Fellow Missourian:

I am writing to you with a very important message that could impact your future.

Many Missourians do not like to think about getting older, or the possibility that at some time in the future they may not be able to perform routine tasks. The truth is that most of us will need some type of long-term care in our later years.

This is one of the reasons we are working to make long-term care more affordable for Missourians. For example, I recently signed into law legislation allowing Missourians to deduct 100 percent of the cost of their long-term care insurance. Previously Missourians were only able to deduct 50 percent of the cost. We believe this action will not only allow Missourians to keep more of their hard-earned money, it will encourage more people to plan for their future.

Many people believe they can rely on Medicare to pay for any long-term care services they will need. However, Medicare generally doesn't pay for long-term care. Proper planning and preparation can help prevent a private crisis for Missourians and their families.

To assist you with this preparation, Missouri and the federal government are working together on a program called Own Your Future. The goal of the program is to encourage Missourians between the ages of 45 and 65 to start planning now for their future long-term care needs.

I encourage you to request the free "Long-Term Care Planning Tool Kit" by:

- Logging onto: www.longtermcare.gov/campaign;
- Returning the postage-paid reply card attached to the enclosed brochure; or
- Calling 1-866-PLAN-LTC (1-866-752-6582) or TTY: 1-877-486-2048.

I also encourage you to attend one of the town hall meetings being planned throughout the state from August - October. At these meetings, you can learn more about the local and state resources available to assist you in planning for your future needs. Please visit <http://www.ownyourfuture.mo.gov> or call the Community Leaders Assisting the Insured of Missouri (CLAIM) at 1-800-390-3330 for more information about these events.

Long-term care needs are best met when they are planned for ahead of time, so please order your free "Long-Term Care Planning Tool Kit" today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matt Blunt'.

Matt Blunt