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STATEMENT OF MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ ON THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR STAN ROSENBERG

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I respect Senator Stan Rosenberg's decision to resign in the best interests of his constituents, colleagues and staff, and the Massachusetts Senate. I also commend him for accepting responsibility for the serious lapses in judgment outlined by the Ethics Committee report and apologizing to those whose lives have been deeply affected by them.

Stan Rosenberg has served the people of western Massachusetts ably and diligently for over thirty years as both a State Representative and State Senator. He has been a tireless advocate for his constituents on so many important issues and all of our communities are better for his service.

Unfortunately, this turn of events leaves the City of Northampton with no representation in the state legislature until January 2019. In addition, because the Ethics Committee report was issued the day after the statewide filing deadline there is no opportunity for a contested election for our now-vacant State Senate seat. I call upon the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Senate President to work together to extend the filing deadline for the Hampshire, Franklin, and Worcester District for an additional two weeks so that we can have a full and robust debate about the needs and future of its 24 cities and towns.