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The 2014 primary election is over. We were blessed with a decisive victory earning 75% of the vote!

7th District State Senator 4 Year Term (1) Position Files In WAYNE County			
	TOTAL	Patrick	Matthew
	BY	Colbeck	Edwards
	COUNTY	REP	REP
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36,136</b>	<b>14,494</b>	<b>4,807</b>

Angie and I are truly thankful for the support of the voters and the sacrificial support of so many volunteers, donors, and people praying for us. It is the kindness, truthfulness, and hard work of our volunteers that truly distinguishes our campaign. As we continue into the General Election, we remain committed to focusing on what is noble, true, excellent and praiseworthy in an attempt to change a political environment that too often relies upon lies, coercion and distortions to promote policy views.

Thankfully, we have much that is praiseworthy to focus upon during this upcoming campaign. In just four years, Michigan is growing again after being the only state in the nation to have lost population in the 2010 Census. Our state has created over 250,000 new jobs. In fact, we now have almost 26,000 job openings within a 30 minute commute of the new 7th Senate District which features the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Wayne. Our schools have over \$1B in additional funding, including additional funds available for the schools in our communities due to my amendments to the K-12 budget. As Chairman of the Michigan State Police and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Senate Appropriations Committee, I introduced the practice of value for money budgeting. This new approach to state appropriations goes beyond allocating your tax dollars to budget line items and demands better performance for the services enabled by these dollars. In this capacity, I promoted school safety grants, additional troopers and forensic scientists, more mobile truck weight enforcement officers, and the restructuring of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. The result has been double digit drops in crime rates in our most distressed cities. We have also improved from one of the worst states to the 3rd rated state in the nation in the quality of claims services offered to our veterans. In short, we are starting to get our state government more focused on treating our citizens as customers not piggy banks.

I remain committed to solving problems, not playing politics. In keeping with this focus, I have created a Solution Center at [www.MorninginMichigan.com](http://www.MorninginMichigan.com). In this Solution Center, you can find practical solutions for healthcare, roads, job growth, and veteran services that respect your wallet. In the Data Center section of this site, you can find links to useful information supporting these solutions. As a result of my landmark transparency legislation, citizens can now go to [www.TenMillionAccountants.com](http://www.TenMillionAccountants.com) to see how your state tax dollars are spent. If you are tired of politics as usual, it is my hope that you will find a refreshing difference in attitude with my service to date. I truly understand that I work for you and not the other way around. It is by serving you better that we can keep Michigan's comeback rolling!

Patrick Colbeck